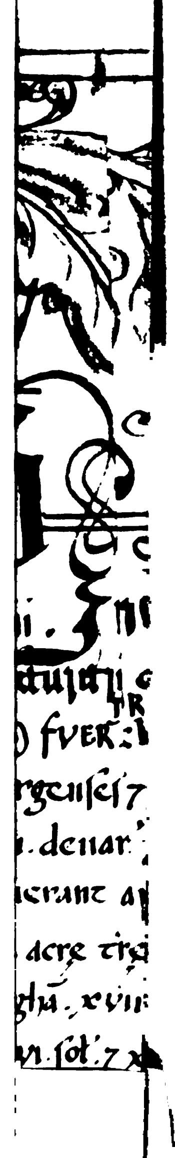
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PREFACE.

A fifth volume of extracts from the archives of the Corporation of Nottingham is now offered to the public.

For the four preceding volumes the Corporation were so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. W. H. STEVENSON as editor.

At that time, Mr. STEVENSON held an appointment on the Town Clerk's staff, but shortly after the completion of the four volumes, he left Nottingham, having obtained an employment more conducive to the full exercise of his varied learning and abilities.

It is a pleasure to add that Mr. STEVENSON's subsequent career has been marked by distinguished success, the University of Oxford conferring upon him a degree, and electing him to a research Fellowship at Exeter College.

The loss of his services was deeply felt, and for a considerable time the publication of further *Records* was necessarily suspended.

With the sanction of the Finance Committee, the work of selection and transcription of documents for a fifth volume

was then entrusted to Mr. W. T. Baker, who was and still is employed in the Town Clerk's department.

Owing to the pressing demands upon Mr. Baker of his principal employment, his work on this volume has been done at somewhat long and irregular intervals; but, in spite of this disadvantage, it is hoped that the result, which is now before the public, will not prove unsatisfactory.

The Finance Committee have at all times taken a warm and intelligent interest in the preservation and publication of our local records, and the zeal of their chairman, Mr. Alderman Fraser, D.C.L., in this direction, cannot be too highly commended, or too gratefully acknowledged.

SAMUEL G. JOHNSON,
Town Clerk.

Guild Hall,
Nottingham, *May* 1, 1900.

INTRODUCTION.

Although the period covered by this volume may not unfairly claim to be one of the most eventful in the annals of our country, it has to be regretfully admitted that a vast proportion of the Nottingham records of the epoch are of a much less interesting character than might, from this consideration, have been anticipated. In mere bulk, indeed, the documents greatly surpass those of any preceding period, but the exceeding dryness of the contents of many of them is but too well calculated to abate the ardour of the sanguine investigator. The residue, however, contain matter that it is hoped may be of some interest for the general reader as well as for the antiquary; and the minutes of the Common Council, in particular, which have been largely drawn upon for the present volume, are valuable for the light they throw upon our local history during the 'Great Rebellion' of the seventeenth century. The references to the military operations, the defensive ones especially, in the town and immediate vicinity during the Civil War, are tolerably frequent, and Colonel Hutchinson, a name, it has been rather sarcastically and unkindly observed, dearer to the 'small-souled' antiquarian than that of the Protector, figures somewhat prominently, if not invariably to advantage, in certain pages of the Hall Books, though, on the other hand, the allusions to Cromwell himself are, if significant enough, much slighter and less frequent than his superior importance might make desirable, and add little or nothing to our knowledge of his character and career, or of his relations to our town.

It is not a little singular that there should be no direct reference, either in the Council Minutes or in any contemporary document in

the possession of the Corporation, to so notable a circumstance as the raising of the standard by Charles I. on Standard Hill.

The silence as to other occurrences, less remarkable, perhaps, but by no means unimportant, is scarcely more intelligible. The dismantling of the picturesque old castle by the redoubtable Colonel, and the subsequent angry visit of Cromwell, whose supposed designs dictated the measure, are wholly ignored.

The minutes during the Commonwealth period have little or no bearing on the greater political events, and are singularly dry and meagre for the whole of the reign of Charles II., a reign which, however reprehensible from the standpoint of the moralist, cannot justly be branded even by him as either dull or uninstructive. So sparse, indeed, are the entries, and so commonplace, and, from any modern point of view, unimportant, are most of the resolutions they record, that one might be tempted to imagine that an almost universal lethargy had seized the Town Council during the not inconsiderable number of years which intervened between the accession of the second Charles and his death.

Though the books are, by no means, of large dimensions, very few of the leaves are well filled, and the number of blank pages in each is certainly remarkable. On one of the many blank pages of the Hall Book for the year 1675, an unknown hand of somewhat later date has written the Lucretian lament, '*Quantum est in rebus inane!*'[1] but whether the writer was struck with the unsatisfactory character of mundane things in general, or of the Council proceedings in particular, does not appear. On a blank page of the Hall Book for 1672, there is the following lachrymose line: '*Quantum flevi in hymnis et canticis Ecclesiae tuae!*'[2] and in this instance it certainly appears clear enough that the grief expressed was not inspired by contemplation of the state of municipal affairs.

The Borough Court Books, which yielded so many items of

[1] *Translation:* 'How great an emptiness there is in things!' A very modern hand, not difficult of identification, has underwritten the inquiry, '*Cur tu hoc scripsisti?*' ('Why didst thou write this?')

[2] *Translation:* 'How much have I wept in the hymns and songs of thy Church!'

interest for the first volume, have contributed nothing whatever to the present one. Twelve of these books are extant, but though they are sufficiently portly to promise much at a first view, only the barest particulars are given of the suits entered in them, and it was not found possible to extract anything from these which could be deemed worthy to arrest the attention of the curious student of local history. Their general character has already been so well described by the editor[1] of the previous volumes of this work in his exhaustive introductions, that it would be superfluous, if not, indeed, impertinent, to attempt in any way to supplement his observations.

Arid, however, as are the general contents of the Court Books, the following memoranda, written on a leaf (page 83 a), of the Court Book for 1642-7, are not without a certain interest :—

'*xj° Octobris, 1643. Nulla curia tenta fuit, quia praedicti Major et Vice-comites non fuerunt tunc jurati, et quia fuit tempore guerre inter Regem et Parliamentum, et iidem Major et Vice-comites, electi pro eodem anno, fuerunt absentes pro timore inimicorum.*

xxv. Octobris. Simile.

1° Novembris, 1643. Praedictus Willelmus Nixe juratus fuit Major, et praedictus Ricardus Hides juratus fuit vnus Vice-comes villae praedictae pro anno praedicto.

viij° Novembris, 1643. Nulla curia tenta fuit, quia praedictus Paulus Hooton non fuit tunc juratus vnus Vice-comes villae praedictae, quia fuit tempore guerre, et ipse absens fuit, etc.

xvij° Novembris, 1643. Praedictus Paulus Hooton juratus fuit alter Vice-comes villae praedictae pro anno praedicto.

[2]*Ricardus Hardmett, Major pro anno ultimo praeterito,* 20 *die Septembris ultimo praeterito (1643), captus fuit prisonarius per Newarke* forces, *et per eos custoditus prisonarius apud Newarke vsque mensem Decembris proximo postea.*'[3]

[1] Mr. W. H. Stevenson, M.A.

[2] This sentence is headed, '*Et quia*' ('And because').

[3] *Translation:* 'xi. October, 1643. No court was held, because the aforesaid Mayor and Sheriffs were not then sworn, and because it was in the time of war between the King and Parliament, and the same Mayor and Sheriffs, elected for the same year, were absent from fear of the foe.

xxv. October: The like.

1 November, 1643. The aforesaid

The presentments at the Sessions throughout the troubled reign of Charles I. are very numerous, but the kindred character of the substance of the majority of them with that of the presentments so liberally exampled in the earlier volumes of this work, has made the always invidious task of selection an exceptionally difficult one. Among the Latin presentments, those against persons using trades to which they had not been apprenticed, are (if ordinary felonies be left out of consideration) of most frequent occurrence, and among the English ones, those against recusants and scolds are multiplied *ad nauseam*. Of the first-named only one specimen will be found here, as an action for the same offence has already been printed in full in the fourth volume, and of the two latter class, though the examples given may be thought by some more than sufficient, only a very small proportion is really represented in this volume. The bundles are twenty in number (only three of which belong to the reign of Charles II.), and from these the Mickletorn Jury rolls, which, as before, were found rolled up with the Sessions rolls, have now been detached and separately numbered. The selections here printed sufficiently indicate the general character of the Mickletorn Jury presentments, one of the most noteworthy features of which, perhaps, is the constant resistance they evidence, on the part of the authorities, to building and other encroachments. Of presentments for the latter, however, space has been found for but comparatively few, and these, it must be understood, are merely representative, not exceptional, instances of their class. The same remark, it should be added, applies equally to the Latin Sessions' presentments for felonies, of which, also, a very considerable number has been preserved. In the cases of both Latin and English presentments, the

William Nixe was sworn Mayor, and the aforesaid Richard Hides was sworn a Sheriff of the town aforesaid, for the year aforesaid.

viij. November, 1643. No court was held, because the aforesaid Paul Hooton was not then sworn a Sheriff of the town aforesaid, because it was in war time, and he was absent, etc.

xvij. November, 1643. The aforesaid Paul Hooton was sworn another Sheriff of the town aforesaid for the year aforesaid.

Richard Hardmett, Mayor for the year last past, was on the 20th day of September last past (1643), taken prisoner by the Newark forces, and by them kept prisoner at Newark until the month of December next afterwards.'

results are shown wherever they could be ascertained, but, unfortunately, in many instances, nothing appears on the presentments beyond the charges themselves, and there is no other available source of information. In BAILEY'S *Annals*, indeed, there is occasionally, as in the case of Luke Bosworth, the reputed 'wizard,' a fuller account given than is supplied by the rolls, but, whether these additional details were drawn from authentic sources, now unknown, or were merely guessed or inferred by the annalist from the imperfect data still extant, is not easy to determine. That not a few of the statements in the *Annals* are inaccurate, is patent enough to any one who examines the documents on which they profess to be grounded. Thus, it is said, that in the *Hall Book* for the 16th July, 1638, the year in which Bosworth was presented for witchcraft, there is an order for the ducking of six women for scolding. There is no such entry in the *Hall Book* of that or any other date, but the *Sessions rolls* show that on 16th July, 1638, six women were, by the constables at the Sessions, presented in succession and by name, as scolds, and received the punishment on whose inhumanity Bailey has animadverted so strongly. The instance is merely a typical, not, in any way, an extraordinary one, for, as has been already remarked, such presentments were only too common, and why this particular one should have been selected for such a diatribe, is not very apparent.

In matters of date, the *Annals* are, it must be said, as often wrong as right, but inaccuracies of this kind are, perhaps, more easily detected by the critic on the look-out for them, than avoided by the historian or annalist, whose mind is necessarily divided by considerations at least as important as, and certainly of wider scope and import than mere dates can ever be. In no censorious spirit, therefore, but merely as a matter of duty, the mistakes of Bailey have been noted and rectified in this volume. The example of the earlier volumes has been followed in this, as in other respects.

The sources, other than those already mentioned, from which the materials of this volume have been derived, are similar in character to those described by the previous editor in his various Introductions, and need not, therefore, be dwelt upon at greater length here. Of

the Accounts of the Chamberlains, there are in existence twenty-two complete books up to 1687-8, besides the fragments of a later one of various dates; of the Summaries of the same Accounts there are seventy, and of the Rentals of the Chamberlains there are twenty-one. There are thirteen books of Bridge Accounts, extending only to 1660-1, and there are twenty Bridge Rentals.

The following is a list of the Hall Books which have been preserved:

NO.	A.D.	NO.	A.D.	NO.	A.D.
3400	1625-26	3424	1649-50	3447	1679-80
3401	1626-27	3425	1650-51	3448	1680-81
3402	1627-28	3426	1651-52	3449	1681-82
3403	1628-29	3427	1653-54	3450	1682-83
3404	1629-30	3428	1654-55	3451	1683-84
3405	1630-31	3429	1655-56	3452	1684-85
3406	1631-32	3430	1656-57	3453	1685-86
3407	1632-33	3431	1657-58	3454	1686-87
3408	1633-34	3432	1658-59	3455	1687-88
3409	1634-35	3433	1659-60	3456	1688-89
3410	1635-36	3434	1661-62	3457	1689-90
3411	1636-37	3435	1663-64	3458	1690-91
3412	1637-38	3436	1667-68	3459	1691-92
3413	1638-39	3437	1668-69	3460	1692-93
3414	1639-40	3438	1669-70	3461	1693-94
3415	1640-41	3439	1670-71	3462	1694-95
3416	1641-42	3440	1671-72	3463	1695-96
3417	1642-43	3441	1672-73	3464	1696-97
3418	1643-44	3442	1673-74	3465	1697-98
3419	1644-45	3443	1674-75	3466	1698-99
3420	1645-46	3444	1675-76	3467	1699-1700
3421	1646-47	3445	1676-77	3468	1700-1701
3422	1647-48	3446	1677-78	3469	1701-1702
3423	1648-49				

With the exception of the great Protector, the references to whom are, as has been said, comparatively slight and cursory, the most considerable personage of whom something more than casual mention is made in the following extracts is, probably, Colonel Hutchinson. Opinions may differ as to the value of his political and

religious principles, but of his courage and capacity, and his incorruptible integrity there can be no question. To these virtues, however, he certainly did not add the more amiable and attractive ones of toleration and urbanity, and it is only too plain from the *Memoirs* to which he owes his wide-world renown, that he, like his worthy lady and all, except, perhaps, the very noblest spirits of the party to which he belonged, was but too apt to asperse his political opponents as 'malignants,' and his religious ones as 'horrible atheists.' During the time of his governorship of the Castle of Nottingham, and after the formation of the Parliamentary Committee appointed to carry in effect in the town the ordinance of the Lords and Commons for levying of money for the maintenance of the army raised by the Parliament, his rule seems to have pressed somewhat heavily upon the garrison under his control; and, judging from the complaints against him in the Council Minutes, here printed in full, his better qualities would appear to have been at first all but completely overshadowed by the austerity of his demeanour to equals and inferiors alike, and his despotic and overbearing temper. In the petition of the Garrison to the Committee of both kingdoms, printed at p. 228, the 'high demands' of the Governor are animadverted upon as the main cause of the unhappy 'differences' then existing between the Parliamentary Committee of Nottingham and himself; and in the 'Certificate' which accompanied the petition, it is further alleged that in the absence of the Governor and his brother, 'this Garrison hath been and is in a quiet and happy condition, and no disobedience or refractoriness [exists] in any officers or soldiers, that we can perceive, but all are cheerful, unanimous, and diligent in their several duties, saving such offences as have proceeded from the factious party of the Castle' (p. 230). The emphatic declaration follows, that 'many of them heretofore have been so discouraged and provoked by *the impious commands and passionate and violent carriage of the Governor*, that they will rather lay down their arms, and quit the garrison, than endure such slavery' (*ib.*). The petition and certificate were subscribed to by the Common Council on November 14, 1644, and then entered in their book, and it was not until the lapse of

nearly two years that the allegations against the Colonel were ordered to be cancelled. That, in the meantime, a general recognition of his very real and rare merits had followed on a more intimate experience, is evidenced by the fact that on November 23, 1645, he was sworn burgess, and the usual fee of £10 was restored to him by the Council, on the ground, among others alleged, that 'he had done faithful and good service in his place to the State and garrison' (p. 239). A pleasing circumstance, and one which reveals a more amiable trait in his character than could be inferred from his Puritanic austerity, is that he gave five of the ten pounds to the poor, and the company ten shillings 'to drink.'

The rigorous orders of the Governor to the Nottingham Garrison of December, 1644, printed as an appendix at p. 423, will be read with interest, and, perhaps also, with some amusement, in the present day. The intolerant and fanatical spirit they certainly betray goes far to explain the reaction which, not many years afterwards, set in against the Puritan party in England. Indeed, so early as 1656, a 'son of Belial flown with insolence and wine' (or ale), already appears in the humble person of a felt-maker of Friar Row, William Bradshaw by name, presented at the Sessions on the 13th December of that year, for having in his cups impugned the authority of the scriptural narrative of the miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes, and confirmed his asseverations with an oath (p. 290). A disposition to rebel against Puritan rule was openly evinced on the 20th July—the Lord's day—of the following year, by a popular tumult occasioned by the constables walking the streets 'to restrain children and servants from sports and pastime.' There is, it may be remarked in passing, a strong flavour of Puritanism in the presentments for this period, persons of both sexes being charged with cursing and swearing on the Sabbath day, and children with fishing and playing; and there is a request from the west side 'that travelling on the Sabbath day may be prevented' (p. 293). The constables are also found presenting Lady Hutchinson for having 'music in her house on the Sabbath day, the 12 of October, 1654' (p. 289).

From the vicissitudes of fortune experienced by many persons in the two great revolutions of the seventeenth century, the Mayor's (or Town) Clerks were by no means exempt. During the earlier years of the reign of Charles I., and before the outbreak of the Civil War, the Mayor's Clerk, ROBERT GREAVES, appears to have discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Town Council, and it is noticeable that the resolutions recorded in the Minute Books of this period are of a distinctly conservative character, and occasionally betray that dread of innovation which specially characterized the measures of the royalist party. With this dread, however, there is sometimes blended an infusion of Puritanic piety, or what looks very like it, as in the Council Minute of September 26, 1636, in which the 'company,' refusing to allow the Sheriffs, Thomas Wolley and Richard Turpin, any allowance in lieu of tolls for the yet unfinished bridges, recommend them (the Sheriffs) to '*refer themselves to God's providence*, and not to bring an innovation which in succeeding times always proves dangerous and obnoxious' (p. 176). In the Civil War, GREAVES remained loyal to the cause of the King, and even helped him actively at Newark, in consequence of which he incurred the displeasure of the Council, the majority of whom had by this time declared themselves Parliamentarians, and on August 14, 1644, he was voted unfit to be continued Town Clerk, and WILLIAM FLAMSTEAD was elected in his place. On 1st August, 1645, writs were obtained for removing GREAVES from the office of Clerk to the Statutes, and appointing a substitute (pp. 26, 27, and 28), and on 12th September following, the requirements of the writs were carried into effect by the 'amoval' of GREAVES, and the substitution of FLAMSTEAD (p. 237).

The full official style of the Clerk of the Statutes is given in Vol. iii. (p. 434), and in the Introduction to Vol. i., it is explained that the King's seal was sent to twelve towns, Nottingham being one (pp. xv.-xvi.). In the Statute of Merchants (*Statutum de Mercatoribus*), more commonly known as the Statute of Acton-Burnell, made in 11 Edward I. and *anno Domini* 1283, the additional direction is given with respect to the seal, '*le quel seal demoera en sauve garde le*

Meire e del clerk avaundit;'[1] and in the subsequent Statute of 13 Ed. I., Stat. 3 and *anno Domini* 1285, we read '*quel seel serra de deus pieces, dunt lo greignour piece demoera en la garde le meire ou chief gardein, e lautre piece en la main le clerk avaundit.*'[2] Among the seals in the plate of Corporate Seals accompanying Vol. i., will be found the seal referred to, the original silver matrix of which is still preserved.

FLAMSTEAD remained in office until 1652-53, when GREAVES was reinstated, but the circumstances of his resumption of office are now unknown, the Minute Book for this period being unfortunately lost. He would appear, by some means or other, to have made his peace with the Puritan party, and at all events, no fresh instance of open 'malignancy' is recorded against him in the Council Books, or elsewhere. During the whole of the brief but prosperous years of the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, he seems to have fulfilled his duties quietly and faithfully, and it was only when compelled by 'old age and infirmity,' that he tendered his resignation of the office of Town Clerk. This was on November 1, 1658—nearly two months after Oliver's death—and RALPH EDGE was then elected in his place, GREAVES retiring on an annual life-pension of £10, payable out of the funds of the town. Mr. EDGE was more fortunate than either his immediate predecessor or successor, for, unlike them, he experienced none of the reverses so generally consequent on the advocacy of unpopular causes; and it is a striking proof of the esteem in which he was held that he was thrice elected Mayor for the town, thus discharging the double duties of Mayor and Town Clerk. On his death on 11th September, 1684, CHARLES BAWDES was made Town Clerk. This gentleman was, undoubtedly, a strong partisan of the House of Stuart, and his unswerving attachment to the cause of James II. resulted in a rupture with the municipal authorities which might have been anticipated. During the Interregnum which succeeded the flight of James, and on the accession of

[1] *Translation:* 'the which Seal shall remain in the keeping of the Mayor and Clerk aforesaid.'

[2] *Translation:* 'which Seal shall be of two pieces, whereof the greater piece shall remain in the custody of the Mayor, or the Chief Warden: and the other piece in the keeping of the clerk aforesaid.'



William and Mary, he would seem to have been in the secret service, perhaps pay, of the deposed monarch; and among other charges subsequently brought against him, it was alleged that he not only grossly neglected his duties, but betrayed the secrets of the Town Council. The majority of the latter were Orangemen, whom BAWDES was little careful to please; indeed, it is but too evident that he took a delight in annoying and thwarting them to the utmost of his power. The more important discussions of the Council were, as a consequence, suspended in his presence, and his absence from them was openly requested, his salary was stopped, and Alderman TURPIN had to fulfil the functions he neglected until the 11th of March, 1689-90, when LAWRENCE ATHORPE was appointed Deputy Town Clerk. Finally, Mr. ATHORPE was himself elected Town Clerk on December 6, 1692, and the affairs of the Council were thenceforth transacted without further obstruction on the part of Mr. BAWDES.

Among the good acts of the Commonwealth should, perhaps, be reckoned the attempt—rendered abortive by the Restoration—to free the town from what was felt to be an oppressive exaction, the payment of the Fee-ferm of the Borough. This, described as £52 *blanc* in the Charter of Henry III., and subsequently augmented by the various small sums mentioned in the Conveyance printed at pp. 269-272, was originally demanded, as appears by the Charter of Edward I., in return for the privileges conferred upon the Borough by the kings of England; and in the troublous latter years of the reign of Charles I., the Corporation appear to have found no small difficulty in meeting the demands of the Committee of Revenue, the rent being, on the 19th November, 1645, actually three years in arrear, and amounting to the sum of £191 8s. 3d. On the 12th November of the previous year (1644), the Nottingham Parliamentary Committee petitioned the Revenue for the discharge of the inhabitants of Nottingham from payment of the arrears, on the ground that the fee-farm rents 'do arise out of such tolls and other royalties and perquisites, and out of such other profits as by reason of these wars have almost wholly ceased, and could not be received or enjoyed; the rather because the said town, being a garrison, hath

been several times invaded, plundered, and impoverished by the enemies of the King and Parliament' (p. 225). A conveyance of the rent to the Corporation was effected on the 3rd September, 1650, the purchase money of which would appear from a minute of July 12 of the same year (p. 266) to have been actually paid, but the Conveyance was ignored by Charles II., and the fee-farm rents throughout the kingdom were subsequently sold to private individuals. Although the Corporation, as time went on, derived less and less benefit from the 'tolls, royalties, and perquisites' mentioned in the petition, it continued to pay the rent to private persons till May 6, 1891, when, at a considerable cost, a second and final Conveyance was effected.

The arbitrary character of the Stuart rule is illustrated by more than one document in the present volume. That the people were originally well disposed to Charles I., and hoped the best from his government, seems plain enough from the public rejoicings at his coronation, for the celebration of which the Common Council made a special order for the ringing of bells at every church, and the kindling of bonfires in the streets (p. 108). The Commission to collect a loan for providing Shipping, dated October 11, 1626, and printed at pp. 116-118, is couched in comparatively moderate terms, though its tone grows somewhat minatory towards the close, and when one remembers how little scrupulous the King subsequently showed himself, in breaking his engagements with his subjects, whenever it so pleased him, his assurance 'we faithfully promise and undertake on the royal word of a King, which we will be jealous (=careful) not to break with our people,' can scarcely be read without a smile. In the letters of June 30, and August 23, 1627 (pp. 125-128), the King's displeasure at the inadequacy of the sums collected is very marked, the demand for contributions is reiterated in terms much more peremptory, and there is a singular and almost pathetic blending of threatening with persuasive and conciliatory language which is very characteristic. In the Charters of Charles II. and James II., and the mandates of the latter substituting for the municipal officers then existing, others more to the liking of the royal mind, the despotic

spirit of the Stuarts is still more manifest than in either the Commission or the letters of the 'martyred' monarch. Both charters were cancelled by that of William and Mary, and the originals were probably destroyed at the same time. They are, as Mr. W. H. STEVENSON has remarked, 'historically of interest as illustrating the attacks made upon municipal privileges by the two sons of Charles I.' The Charter of Charles II. was intended to supersede all preceding Charters, and was only granted on the surrender—the legality of which was afterwards disputed—of the old Charters. Although it certainly concedes many of the privileges conferred by the latter, there are, nevertheless, some restrictions and exemptions not found in them, which would be but ill calculated to reconcile the town to the surrender of former Charters. The circumstances of the surrender itself are wrapped in some obscurity, but it appears from a minute in the Council Book of July 5, 1682, that the question of the surrender being put to the vote of the Council, the votes were even, fourteen and fourteen, and the casting vote of the Mayor, Mr. Gervase Wilde, settled the debate, that the charters were to be surrendered (p. 323). In a copy 'case for the new charter of William and Mary,' which has only recently come into the possession of the Corporation,[1] and appears to be of nearly contemporaneous date with the Charter, it is alleged that 'the Nottingham Charter was surrendered in '82 by three or four persons who in ye night broke open the trunk where the towne's Seale was, and affixed it to an instrument purporting [to be] a surrender, upon which surrender, the town had a new Charter, granted by King Charles II., and were made a new Corporation. The late King James turned all out again by a Mandamus, and then incorporated those persons who came in by Mandamus, by a new Charter from him.' The above account of the surrender is, in some measure, confirmed by a Council minute of August 30, 1689, in which it is stated that the Council 'are and ever were for the old Charter, and ever did and do look upon ye pretended Surrender of yat Charter to be fraudulent and surreptitious,'

[1] Through the kindness of G. B. Beeman, Esq., 10, Throgmorton Avenue, London, E.C., by whom the copy case was presented to the Nottingham Corporation.

and that they regarded the new Charter, obtained thereupon, as 'illegal and unjust.' The letters of George Langford, Mayor, and Nathaniel Wright, with respect to the new Charter of William and Mary (pp. 343-347), are of considerable interest, and in the specification of 'the things that are desired to be altered' (p. 345), the more objectionable features of the Charters of Charles II. and James II. are presented in a very clear and succinct form.

Although the whole of the Borough Charters were issued so long ago as 1890 in a single volume, it has not been thought advisable to exclude any which belong to the period here embraced, as their omission might not only have given reasonable ground of complaint to those who possessed the previous volumes of the *Records*, but not the *Charters*, but would have rendered unintelligible to those unacquainted with the charters themselves the various allusions to them which will be found in the following extracts. The Charter of Charles II., although, as has been said, it was subsequently cancelled, has a peculiar interest of its own from the circumstances already mentioned, and it is, moreover, of some importance as being the first charter in which the appointment of a Deputy Recorder is formally authorized. Recorders had, indeed, long before this, been in the habit of appointing substitutes, but it seems to have been without express royal authority, and the deputies who, unlike the nominal recorders—men of high rank and title generally—were professional men, well versed in the law, were sometimes themselves called 'learned recorders' by way of distinction, and sometimes, 'recorders,' without qualification of any kind.

On the various royal visits to the town mentioned in the present volume, there is, perhaps, no need to dwell. The account given by BAILEY of all these in his *Annals* is sufficiently minute, and he has quoted or epitomized such of the Council Minutes as record them. A few slight errors into which he has fallen have been duly noted in their place.

For the Latin documents, other than the Charters, contained in the present volume, it cannot, perhaps, be claimed that they are of any very special interest, though some are certainly curious. Two

of the most important are, undoubtedly, the Exemplification of the Doomsday Book entry (p. 16), and the Exemplification of the Corporation claim to forestal and other rights (p. 33), the original of the latter of which is embellished with a striking portrait of the reigning monarch (Charles II.).[1]

The presentment at pp. 8-12, against Robert Heald, for filling up the Mickletorn hole and removing the mearstone, is certainly entitled to rank among the more curious of the presentments in the Latin tongue, though, judged by the standard of importance, its value is small. The Latin of this document, as of some others, is far from impeccable, but the original has been faithfully adhered to, even to the retention of so barbarous a substitute as that of *praesentamenta* for *praesentatio*. Of the translations, it should, perhaps, be observed, that, in the case of words the exact import of which is disputed, the most generally received meaning has been adopted. The rendering, in the Exemplification of the Doomsday Book entry above referred to, of '*In Snotingeham est una ecclesia in dominio regis, in qua jacent iii. mansiones burgi*,' etc., as, 'In Snotingeham there is one church in the king's demesne, wherein are situate iii. dwelling-houses of the borough,' etc.,[2] is, no doubt, open to criticism; but, in this instance, the word *ecclesia* has, rightly or wrongly, been understood as embracing, by implication at least, not merely the church, but the wapentake, or the whole of the estate under the church's jurisdiction: just as, in the present day, a parish church might stand for the parish itself, and as the Welsh word *Llan*, used as a prefix, signifies 'a churchyard,' 'an enclosure,' etc., as well as 'a church.' If, however, *ecclesia* is to be taken in its restricted sense, the passage would certainly be more intelligibly translated, 'In Snotingeham there is one church in the king's demesne to which are adjacent (or appertain) three mansions (or dwelling-houses) of the borough,' etc.

[1] A portrait of Charles I. also adorns his Charter, or, rather, once adorned it, for the features have been disfigured by some hostile hand almost beyond recognition.

[2] Deering, it may be observed, renders the passage in exactly corresponding terms: 'In Snottingham, in the demesne of the King was (is) one church, *in which* were (are) three mansions of the borough,' etc. *Nottinghamia vetus et nova*, 1st ed. p. 9.



With regard to the '*iii. mansiones*,' a writer,[1] whose opinion on such matters is entitled to the highest respect, claims that three *manors*, not mansions, are meant, and that we are to understand that 'they were laid to, or were subservient to the Church.' 'These three manors,' he adds, 'appear to have constituted the wapentake of the town, for the western one was not given in the neighbouring wapentake of Broxtowe, or the eastern one in that of Thurgarton.'

Such Latin words or phrases (whether they have been adopted into our language or not) as occur in the English documents in this volume, are, with some accidental exceptions in the earlier pages, printed in italic type. The dates of the meetings of the Common Council are almost invariably written in Latin in the minute books, but are here printed in English only, in conformity with the practice of the former editor of this work.

Of the manuscripts in the English tongue selected for this volume, little further can be said within the limits of such an Introduction as the present one. Their general characteristics have already been indicated, and allusions have been made to some of the documents which are likely to possess the most general interest for the student of history. The presentment against John Sherin, dated April 24, 1626 (p. 108), and that against John Crofts, of the same date (p. 109), are worthy of passing notice, at least, not only from the quaint terms in which they are couched, but as evidencing a savagery of conduct both in master and apprentice which, it may be presumed, was more common in the olden time than now. The ills to which a poor apprentice was sometimes subject in those days are set forth very vividly in the 'humble petition' of John Corby, a butcher's 'poor 'prentice,' printed at p. 156. In this petition, while alleging that 'he has ever been willing to please and give content to his maister and dame,' he charges them both with having treated him in the most barbarous manner, he 'with great extremity being sent barefoot and barelegged in the cold winter, and fasting, about his master's business, and many times being kept fast until two

[1] Mr. William Stevenson, of Hull. See *Transactions of the Thoroton Society for 1897*, p. 40. James Bell & Son, Nottingham, 1898.

of the clock in the afternoons, and could no ways give them content.'

Hardly less striking than this picture of wretchedness is that contained in the petition of the 'poor prisoner,' Richard Evans, to the Mayor, dated January 15, 1637-8, and printed at p. 186. The petitioner complains that he is 'starved for want of clothes and food,' and owes money to the 'poor man that tends him,' and he adds that 'nothing has been given him this month, so that he is pined and starved for want of things necessary.'

That freedom of speech, especially to those in office, which is sometimes claimed as the special prerogative of the present age, was not unknown even in the seventeenth century, as the 'articles' exhibited by Robert Malin, the Sheriff, against John Spencer, and dated December 18, 1651 (p. 275), sufficiently testify. Such open and gross abuse in the church itself, and before the most influential men in the town, is a remarkable instance of licence, and it is not surprising that such a *scandalum magnatum*, as it has been called, should have been seriously resented by the Sheriff. The instance is not a solitary one, for on March 18, 1632-3, we find Henry Hill presented at the Sessions for reviling the Mayor and Mr. Alexander Staples, late Sheriff, at the former's house, in terms not to be repeated (p. 156), and on November 29, 1700, William Crafts, described as a framework-knitter, was disfranchised for 'striking and offering many affronts' to the Mayor, Samuel Watkinson (p. 404).

On June 1, 1649, also, William White confessed before the Town Council, to have said of Alderman James that 'he never did his neighbours any good,' and on July 7 following, Richard James was presented at the Sessions for having called the same Alderman an intermeddler, a knave, and a fool, a charge which was repeated in the 'articles' against the same delinquent exhibited before the Mayor, William Richards, and Alderman William Gregory, on the 14th of the same month (p. 261). On September 27, 1652, a Thomas Burges had to apologize to the Town Council for having remarked, on the occasion of Robert Throne being sworn burgess,

that 'he thought they,' meaning the company, 'would swear the devil burgess' (pp. 278-9).

The comparative paucity of references to the great Protector may be thought to be, in some degree, compensated by the tolerably frequent mention of the Roundhead soldiery, the cost of whose quartering in the town would appear from the Council Minutes to have been considerable.

It may here be remarked, that the date of the letter as to the training of soldiers, printed at p. 138, was probably some time between the years 1626 and 1628, for in the Chamberlains' Account for the year 1627, there is an entry of payment of soldiers' wages at the training on the 18th and 19th May (the letter, however, fixes the muster for the 3rd October), and in the account for 1628-9, there is a like entry in respect of a training the date of which is not mentioned.

The editor cannot hope that the present volume is free from error, or that the work of selection and annotation will give entire satisfaction to the critic; but whatever the mistakes or defects of the book, and whether deemed serious or trivial, the responsibility of them rests with him alone. For such, no leniency of treatment is asked or expected, although his pains to avoid them have been considerable. If, on the other hand, the volume should be deemed worthy of some measure of praise, the credit is due, not to him, but to Sir SAMUEL GEORGE JOHNSON, without the stimulus of whose constant encouragement it would certainly never have seen the light, and to Mr. W. H. STEVENSON, M.A., whose labours on the previous volumes have determined the form, and, in no small degree, the character of the contents of the present one. The model may, after all, be found to be only distantly approached, and comparison with a predecessor seldom proves advantageous, but the debt itself is scarcely to be over-estimated, and demands, therefore, in common fairness, the amplest acknowledgment. At the same time, it should also be observed, that a wholly independent treatment of material would have been incompatible with that uniformity of character which subscribers to the various volumes have a right to expect from

them, and, consequently, originality of method has been no part of the editor's aim.

A word of acknowledgment is due to the excellent and very complete index lately supplied by Dr. R. C. Chicken[1] to DEERING'S *Nottinghamia*, which has greatly facilitated such references as have had to be made to the latter work for this volume, and would have been of still more service had not its appearance been so recent. The value of the Index for any future volume of the *Records of Nottingham* will, undoubtedly, be very considerable.

The plates comprise *fac-similes* of the above-mentioned Exemplification of that part of the Doomsday Book which relates to Nottingham, dated June 15, 1635, and a page of the Hall Book, in the handwriting of Robert Greaves, the Mayor's or Town Clerk. The Exemplification is printed in full at pp. 16-20, and the contents of the page of the Hall Book will be found at pp. 129-130.[2]

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[1] R. C. Chicken, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng., Surgeon to the Nottingham General Hospital. The Index was published as a separate volume in 1899 by Mr. Frank Murray, Regent House, Nottingham.

[2] By the printers' oversight, the final 'e' of the word 'towne' has, in one instance, been omitted (p. 129, last line), and the 'm' of Christmas has been unnecessarily italicized (p. 130, line 12).

(*See* Pages 129–130.)

RECORDS

OF THE

BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM.

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I.—*Charter of King Charles I.*

1626, December 8.

CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., omnibus, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint, salutem.

Inspeximus literas patentes Domini Jacobi, nuper Regis Angliae, patris nostri praecharissimi, de confirmatione factas in haec verba: 'JACOBUS, Dei gratia' [*etc., reciting Charter of King James I., No. XX., Vol. IV., page* 64].

Nos autem cartas et literas praedictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta et specificata rata habentes et grata, ea, pro nobis, haeredibus et successoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, acceptamus et approbamus, ac dilectis [nobis] nunc Majori, Vicecomitibus, et Burgensibus praedictae villae de Notyngham, et Majori et Burgensibus ejusdem villae, haeredibus et successoribus suis, tenore praesentium ratificamus et confirmamus, sicut cartae et literae praedictae in se rationabiliter testantur.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasterium, octavo die Decembris, anno regni nostri secundo. Wolseley.

4181.

II.—*Writ as to Willoughby's Charity.*

1627, June 11.

WRIT RECITING A DECREE OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR CHARITABLE USES RESPECTING THE PAYMENT OF WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY'S CHARITY OF FOUR GOWNS OF FRIEZE AND SIX POUNDS IN MONEY TO BE GIVEN TO THE POOR OF NOTTINGHAM, AND OTHER PLACES, ON WHITSUNDAY, OUT OF HIS LANDS IN NOTTINGHAM, RADFORD, AND LENTON; AND ORDERING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DECREE.

CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., Willelmo Willoughby, filio et haeredi

RECORDS OF THE BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM.

I.—*Charter of King Charles I.*

1626, December 8.

CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting.

We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord James, late King of England, our very dear father, of confirmation made in these words: 'JAMES, by the grace of God' [*etc., reciting Charter of King James I., No. XX., Vol. IV., page* 65].

We also, esteeming the charters and letters aforesaid and all and singular the things in the same contained and specified as valid and acceptable, do, for us, our heirs and successors, so far as in us lies, accept and approve them, and do ratify and confirm them by the tenor of these presents to [our] well-beloved the present Mayor, Sheriffs, and Burgesses of the aforesaid town of Nottingham, and to the Mayor and Burgesses of the same town, their heirs and successors, as the charters and letters aforesaid in themselves do reasonably bear witness.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself, at Westminster, the eighth day of December, in the second year of our reign. Wolseley.

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CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to William Willoughby,

Gilberti Willoughby defuncti, filii et haeredis Willelmi Willoughby similiter defuncti, ac omnibus aliis tenentibus et occupatoribus terrarum et tenementorum quae fuerunt praedicti Willelmi Willoughby senioris in villis, parochiis, et campis de Nottingham, Lenton, et Radford, ac omnibus aliis quibus interest aut interesse potuit, salutem.

Cum quae ex communi consilio regni nostri Angliae, ad Dei gloriam et populi nostri commodum, provisa et ordinata sunt, ea nos per regia authoritate nostra debitae executioni mandari teneamur; ac nuper ex certificatione Willelmi Borlas, militis, Francisci Cheyne, militis, Jeronimii Horsey, militis, Willelmi Tothill, armigeri, et Willelmi Hakewell, armigeri, Commissionariorum praecharissimi patris nostri Domini Jacobi nuper Regis Angliae, inter alia, virtute commissionis dicti nuper Regis sub magno sigillo suo Angliae eis et aliis in hac parte directae et in Cancellariam suam sub sigillis eorum retornatae, ac ibidem de recordo residentis, datur nobis intelligi, quod praedicti Commissionarii dicti nuper Regis, virtute commissionis suae praedictae, juxta formam cujusdam Actus in Parliamento Dominae Elizabethae, nuper Reginae Angliae, anno regni sui quadragesimo tertio tento, editi et provisi,[1] facta prius per patriam inquisitione, habitisque debita testium examinatione et deliberatione matura, ordinationes quasdam sive decreta[2] in scriptis fecerunt ac in Cancellariam suam praedictam unacum commissione praedicta retornaverunt,[3] videlicet, quod haeredes et assignati praedicti Gilberti Willoughby qui forent seisiti pro tempore existente de et in praedictis terris et tenementis quae fuerunt praedicti Willelmi Willoughby senioris, in villis, parochiis, et campis de Nottinghamia, Lenton, et Radford praedictis, imperpetuum annuatim deliberarent sive deliberari causarent ad festum Pentecostes, Anglice '*Whitsonday*,' circiter horam octavam ante meridiem ejusdem diei, quatuor senioribus, pauperibus, impotentibus, et indigentibus populis, ad eorum solum et proprium opus et usum, quatuor togas aptatas[4] pexas, Anglice, '*of frise*,' pretii cujuslibet eorum decem solidorum aut eo circiter, ac etiam sex probis hominibus alicujus misterii sive agricolis sex libras legalis monetae Angliae, necnon Concionatori docto et pio

[1] Stat. 43 Eliz., c. IV. (*Stat. of the Realm*, v., 970), entitled 'An Acte to redresse the Misemployment of Landes, Goodes, and Stockes of Money heretofore given to Charitable Uses.' See *Records*, Vol. IV., p. 66.

[2] So in MS., but in the singular below.

[3] *retornaverunt*,] 'retornav'*int*,' MS.

the son and heir of Gilbert Willoughby, deceased, the son and heir of William Willoughby, likewise deceased, and to all other tenants and occupiers of the lands and tenements which belonged to the aforesaid William Willoughby the elder in the towns, parishes, and fields of Nottingham, Lenton, and Radford, and to all others whom it concerns or might have concerned, greeting.

Whereas we are bound for our royal authority to put into due execution those things that were provided and ordained by the common council of our realm of England for the glory of God and the advantage of our people; and whereas lately we are given to understand by the certificate of William Borlas, knight, Francis Cheyne, knight, Hieronymus Horsey, knight, William Tothill, esquire, and William Hakewell, esquire, Commissioners of our dearly beloved father, the Lord James, late King of England, among other things, by virtue of the commission of the said late King, under his great seal of England, to them and others in this behalf directed, and returned into his Chancery under their seals, and there remaining of record, that the aforesaid Commissioners of the said late King, by virtue of his commission aforesaid, according to the form of a certain Act issued and provided[1] in the Parliament of the Lady Elizabeth, holden in the forty-third year of her reign, they having previously made inquiry by the country, and having made due examination of witnesses, and after mature deliberation, have made and returned into his Chancery aforesaid, together with the commission aforesaid, certain ordinances or decrees[2] in writing, namely, that the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid Gilbert Willoughby, who should be seized for the time being of and in the aforesaid lands and tenements which belonged to the aforesaid William Willoughby, the elder, in the towns, parishes, and fields of Nottingham, Lenton, and Radford aforesaid, should deliver or cause to be delivered every year for ever at the feast of Pentecost (in English, '*Whitsonday*'), about the eighth hour before noon of the same day, to four old, poor, infirm, and indigent people, for their sole and proper behoof and use, four suitable[4] homespun gowns, in English, '*of frise*,' of the value of ten shillings each, or thereabouts, and also to six upright men of a certain trade, or husbandmen, six pounds of legal money of England,

[4] *aptatas*, more literally translated 'made to fit.' The English equivalent in contemporary documents is 'made fit.'

ad educandos populos praedictos, super praedictam festivalem diem Pentecostes, sex solidos et octo denarios; ac quod praedictae separales legationes et pecuniarum summae solutae et deliberatae forent, ut praefertur, inhabitantibus infra separales villas et parochias de Magno Marlow, in Comitatu Buckinghamiae, Noneaton, in Comitatu Warwici,[1] Normanton super Soare, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, villa Nottinghamiae, Wolby; ac etiam quod praedictae legationes et pecuniarum summae datae et solutae erunt partibus praedictis infra praedictas separales parochias successive, prout mentionatae in ultima voluntate praedicti Willelmi Willoughby senioris.

Vobis igitur et cuilibet vestrum firmiter injungendo praecipimus quod decretum praedictum,[2] quae ad vos seu aliquem vestrum aliqualiter spectant inviolabiliter per omnia, perimpleatis et perimpleri faciatis, et quilibet vestrum perimpleat et perimpleri faciat juxta tenorem, propositum, et effectum decreti praedicti sub poena centum librarum.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium undecimo die Junii, anno regni [nostri] tertio. Caesar Br[oughton].

4651.

III.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*[3]

1629-30, January 18.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Juratores pro Domino Rege praesentant, quod Robertus Collinson, de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *appothecarie*, Thoma Walker, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, *cordweyner*, Willelmus Hamerton, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, generosus, Catherina Cooke, uxor Michaelis Cooke, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, *cooper*, Elizabetha Nixe, uxor Leonardi Nixe, junioris, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, *fishmonger*, et Dorothea Lea, de villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, vidua,[4] qui, decimo die Julii, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., quinto,[5] fuerunt

[1] *Warwici*,] 'Warr,' MS.

[2] 'decret. p'd't'*m*,' MS. Decret*a* above.

[3] The Latin presentments for the period covered by this volume are for the more serious offences, and, with but few exceptions, on parchment. Specimens of each class are given. Presentments for felonies and for using trades without having been apprenticed to them are very common, but none of them can claim to be specially noteworthy. The English presentments are on paper, and extracts

as well as six shillings and eightpence to a learned and pious Lecturer, to instruct the people aforesaid, upon the aforesaid festival day of Pentecost; and that the aforesaid several legacies and sums of money should be paid and delivered, as is aforesaid, to the inhabitants within the several towns of Great Marlow, in the County of Buckingham, Nuneaton, in the County of Warwick, Normanton-upon-Soar, in the County of Nottingham, the town of Nottingham, Wolby; and also that the aforesaid legacies and sums of money shall be given and paid to the aforesaid parties within the aforesaid several parishes successively, as mentioned in the last will of the aforesaid William Willoughby the elder.

We, therefore, firmly enjoining, do command you and each one of you to fulfil and cause to be fulfilled the decree aforesaid inviolably in all things that in any wise regard you or any one of you; and each one of you shall fulfil [the same] and cause [it] to be fulfilled according to the tenor, purport, and effect of the decree aforesaid, on pain of a hundred pounds.

Witness myself at Westminster, the eleventh day of June, in the third year of our reign. Caesar Br[oughton].

4651.

III.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*[3]

1629-30, January 18.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King present, that Robert Collinson, of the town of Nottingham, in the county of the town of Nottingham, apothecary, Thomas Walker, of the town and county aforesaid, cordwainer, William Hamerton, of the town and county aforesaid, gentleman, Catherine Cooke, wife of Michael Cooke, of the town and county aforesaid, cooper, Elizabeth Nix, wife of Leonard Nix, the younger, of the town and county aforesaid, fishmonger, and Dorothy Lea, of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, in the county of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, widow,[4] who, on the tenth day of July, in the fifth year of the reign of our Lord Charles, the present King of England, etc.,[5] were of the age of

will be found among the English documents in this volume. It should be added that, like other legal writings, the presentments for the brief period of the Commonwealth are all in the vernacular.

[4] There are numerous presentments in English against all these persons for the same offence throughout the reign of Charles I.

[5] Friday, July 10, 1629.

aetatis sexdecim[1] annorum, et ultra, non accesserunt (Anglice, '*haue nott repayred*') ecclesiis suis parochialibus, infra villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, nec alicui aliae ecclesiae, capellae, aut usuali loco communis precationis, nec ibidem fuerunt tempore communis precationis ad aliquod tempus infra sex menses proximo sequentes praedictum decimum diem Julii, anno quinto supradicto, sed abstinuerunt ab eisdem (Anglice, '*haue forborne the same*'), a praedicto decimo die Julii, anno quinto supradicto, per praedictum spatium, videlicet, sex mensium ex tunc proximo sequentium, contra tenorem cujusdam Statuti apud Westmonasterium, in comitatu Middlesexiae, anno regni nuper Dominae Reginae Elizabethae, nuper Reginae Angliae, etc., primo, pro uniformitate communis precationis, ac contra formam Statuti anno regni dictae nuper Reginae Elizabethae vicesimo tertio in hujusmodi casu editi et provisi, in dicti Domini Regis nunc et legum suarum[2] contemptum manifestum, necnon contra pacem dicti Domini Regis, coronam et dignitatem suas,[3] etc. 76, ro. 39.

1633.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Ad Generalem Sessionem Pacis ibidem tentam apud Guihald ejusdem villae die Lunae, sexto die Maii, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli, Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., nono,[4] coram Willelmo[5] Gregorie, Majore villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, Willelmo F[lettcher], armigero, Recordatore, Ricardo[6] Parker, Leonardo Nixe, Roberto Sherwin, Roberto Parker, Johanne James, et Alexandro Staples, Aldermannis et Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis ad pacem infra Comitatum villae praedictae conservandam, necnon Justiciariis ejusdem Domini Regis ad diversas felonias, transgressiones, et alia malefacta in Comitatu villae praedictae perpetrata audienda et terminanda assignatis, etc., per sacramentum Henrici P . . . ,[7] Willelmi James, Edwardi Morrice, Gabrielis Bateman, Willelmi Littlefare, Roberti Egginton, Roberti Harris, Willelmi Frost, Willelmi . . . . ,[7] Willelmi Drewrie, Ricardi[8] Hodgkin, Georgii Rose, Josephi Winfield, Ricardi[8] East, Edwardi Mabbott, Humfredi[9] Robertts, Jacobi . . . . ,[7] Johannis Greaves, Willelmi Perrie, Roberti Bate, et Johannis Cooper, comparet et praesentatum existit, quod quidam Robertus Heald, de

[1] *sexdecim*,] 'sexdec*e*m,' MS.
[2] *suarum*,] 'suor',' MS.
[3] *suas*,] 'su*i*s,' MS.
[4] Monday, May 6, 1633.
[5] *Willelmo*,] 'Will*i*'mo,' MS.
[6] *Ricardo*,] 'Ric*h*ardo,' MS.

sixteen years and upwards, have not repaired (in English, '*haue nott repayred*'), to their parish churches within the town of Nottingham aforesaid, nor to any other church, chapel, or usual place of common prayer, nor have they been there at the time of common prayer at any time within six months next following the aforesaid tenth day of July, in the fifth year abovesaid, but have kept away from the same (in English, '*haue forborne the same*'), from the aforesaid tenth day of July, in the fifth year abovesaid, for the aforesaid space, to wit, of six months then next following, against the tenor of a certain Statute at Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, in the first year of the reign of the late Lady Queen Elizabeth, late Queen of England, etc., for the uniformity of common prayer, and against the form of the Statute, in the twenty-third year of the reign of the said late Queen Elizabeth in such case issued and provided, in manifest contempt of the said present Lord King and his laws, as well as against the peace of the said Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc. 76, ro. 39.

1633.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—At the General Sessions of the Peace there holden at the Guildhall of the said town on Monday, the sixth day of May, in the ninth year of the reign of our Lord Charles, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.,[4] before William Gregory, Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, William F[letcher], esquire, Recorder, Richard Parker, Leonard Nix, Robert Sherwin, Robert Parker, John James, and Alexander Staples, Aldermen, and Justices of the said Lord King, appointed to keep the peace within the County of the town aforesaid, as well as Justices of the same Lord King [appointed] to hear and determine divers felonies, trespasses, and other misdeeds perpetrated in the County of the town aforesaid, etc., by the oath of Henry P . . . ,[7] William James, Edward Morrice, Gabriel Bateman, William Littlefare, Robert Egginton, Robert Harris, William Frost, William . . . . ,[7] William Drewry, Richard Hodgkin, George Rose, Joseph Winfield, Richard East, Edward Mabbott, Humphrey Roberts, James . . . . ,[7] John Greaves, William Perrie, Robert Bate, and John Cooper, it appears and is presented, that one Robert Heald, of the town of Nottingham, [in the County of the town[7]] of Nottingham,

[7] MS. torn. The original presentment is on thin paper, much decayed.

[8] *Ricardi,*] 'Ric*h*ardi,' MS.

[9] *Humfredi,*] 'H*o*mfr*i*di,' MS.

villa Nottinghamiae [in Comitatu villae[1]] Nottinghamiae, *Tanner*, secundo die Maii, anno regni Regis Caroli nunc Angliae, etc., nono,[2] apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, in Comitatu ejusdem villae, implevit parcellam unius putei Magni Turni (Anglice, vocati '*a Midletorne hole*'),[3] et quendam lapidem vocatum '*Mearstone*,'[4] in puteo praedicto stantem, removit,[5] et extra puteum praedictum imposuit super *le pinder's fee*; ad magnum nocumentum villae praedictae, et contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, etc.

Super quo, ex parte dicti Domini Regis nunc praeceptum est Vicecomitibus[6] villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, quod non omittant, etc., quin venire faciant coram Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis, etc., ad proximam Generalem Sessionem Pacis dicti Domini Regis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam pro Comitatu ejusdem villae tenendam, praedictum Robertum Heald, ad respondendum dicto Domino Regi de et super praemissis, etc.

Ad quam diem, scilicet, ad Generalem Sessionem Pacis dicti Domini Regis tentam apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam pro Comitatu ejusdem villae decimo quinto die Julii, anno nono dicti Domini Regis nunc Angliae, etc.,[7] coram praefatis Willelmo Gregorie, Majore villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, Willelmo Flettcher, armigero, Recordatore, et aliis Justiciariis suprascriptis, Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis, etc., venit praedictus Robertus Heald in propria persona sua, et defendit vim et injuriam, quando, etc.; et petit auditum praesentamentae[8] praedictae, et ei legitur, etc. Qua lecta et audita, praedictus Robertus Heald dicit quod ipse in nullo est culpabilis de praemissis in praesentamenta praedicta specificatis modo et forma prout per praedictam praesentamentam superius supponitur; et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Et Robertus Greaves, Clericus pacis, qui pro dicto Domino Rege in hac parte sequitur, similiter, etc. Ideo venit, inde juratus, etc. Et praeceptum est Vicecomiti[9] villae Nottinghamiae praedictae quod non omittat, etc., quin venire faciat coram Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis, etc., ad Generalem Sessionem Pacis hic apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam pro Comitatu ejusdem villae tenendam die Lunae, septimo die Octobris proximo futuri,

[1] MS. torn. See note 7, page 9.
[2] Thursday, May 2, 1633.
[3] The 'holes' were gaps in hedges, etc., through which the Middletorn Jury passed in perambulating the borough boundaries.
[4] mearstone or merestone = boundary stone (AS. 'ge-mǽre,' a boundary). See *Records*, Vol. IV., p. 189.
[5] *removit*,] 'remouavit,' MS.

tanner, on the second day of May, in the ninth year of the reign of Charles the present King of England, etc.,[2] at the town of Nottingham aforesaid in the County of the same town, did fill up part of a hole of the Great Turn (in English called '*a Midletorne hole*'),[3] and did remove a certain stone called '*Mearstone*,'[4] standing in the hole aforesaid, and did place [it] outside the hole aforesaid upon the Pinder's Fee, to the great damage of the town aforesaid, and against the peace of the said present Lord King, etc.

Whereupon, on the part of the said present Lord King, it is enjoined to the Sheriffs of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, that they fail not, etc., but that they cause the aforesaid Robert Heald to come before the Justices of the said Lord King, etc., at the next General Sessions of the Peace of the said Lord King, to be holden at the town of Nottingham aforesaid for the County of the same town, to answer to the said Lord King of and upon the premises, etc.

At which day, namely, at the General Sessions of the Peace of the said Lord King holden at the town of Nottingham aforesaid for the County of the same town, on the fifteenth day of July, in the ninth year of the said present Lord King of England, etc.,[7] the aforesaid Robert Heald comes in his own proper person before the aforesaid William Gregory, Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, William Fletcher, esquire, Recorder, and the other Justices abovewritten, Justices of the said Lord King, etc., and defends the force and injury, since, etc., and requests to hear the presentment aforesaid, and it is read to him, etc. The which having been read and heard, the aforesaid Robert Heald says that he is in nowise guilty of the premises specified in the presentment aforesaid, in manner and form as by the aforesaid presentment is above set down; and of this he puts himself upon the country. And Robert Greaves, Clerk of the Peace, who prosecutes for the said Lord King in this behalf, likewise, etc. Therefore he comes, then [is] sworn, etc. And it is commanded to the Sheriff[9] of the town of Nottingham aforesaid that he fail not, etc., but that he cause to come before the Justices of the said Lord King, etc., at the General Sessions of the Peace to be holden here at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, for the County of the same town, on Monday, the seventh day of October next to be, twelve, etc.,

[6] *Vicecomitibus,*] 'Vicecomit*i*bus,' MS.

[7] Monday, July 15, 1633.

[8] 'Praesentamentum' would seem to be a better form for the singular, but the MS. has been adhered to throughout.

[9] In the singular in the MS.

duodecim,[1] etc., per quos, etc., et qui nec, etc., ad recognoscendum, etc., quia tam, etc.[2] Idem dies datus est tam praedicto Roberto Greaves quam Roberto Heald, hic, etc.

Willelmus Crofts, Carolus Moreley, jurati pro Domino Rege, 7° Octobris, 1633.

Juratores dicunt, quoad implendum *le Middleturne hole*, pro Rege; et quoad removendum *le Mearston* dicunt, quod Defendens non est culpabilis.

Fyned by the Sessions at vs.

Per M*aiste*r Parker, M*aiste*r Parker, seniorem, M*aiste*r Recorder, M*aiste*r Nixe, M*aiste*r James. 7° Octobris, 1633.

82, ro. 13.

IV.—*Deed-Poll reciting the Charter of King John, which exempts the Burgesses from Payment of Toll, and requiring that William Nix and others be allowed to pass toll-free.*

1634, September 6.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc praesens scriptum pervenerit, Major et Burgenses villae Nottinghamiae, salutem.

Sciatis quod inter ceteras exonerationes, acquietantias, libertates, et privilegia nobis et antecessoribus nostris Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae per nuper Reges Angliae Henricum Primum et Henricum Secundum concessa, donata, et confirmata, ac postea per nuper[3] Regem Angliae Johannem per litteras suas patentes magno sigillo suo Angliae sigillatas, gerentes datam apud Clipston decimo nono die Martii, anno regni sui primo, similiter concessa, donata, et confirmata inter cetera, continetur sic:

'Johannes, Dei gratia Rex Angliae, Dominus Hiberniae, Dux Normanniae et Aquitanniae,[4] [et] Comes Andegaviae, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus,[5] baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis totius Angliae, salutem.

'Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac carta[6] nostra confirmasse, Burgensibus de Nottingham omnes illas liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis, proavi nostri, et tempore Regis Henrici

[1] *duodecim*,] 'duodecem,' MS.

[2] These phrases are abbreviations of the writ of *Venire Facias*, of which see copy in Glossary to *Records*, Vol. II., p. 473.

[3] 'nuper per,' MS.

by whom, etc., and who neither, etc., to recognize, etc., because so, etc.[2] The same day is given as well to the aforesaid Robert Greaves as to Robert Heald, here, etc.

William Crofts, Charles Morley, sworn for the Lord King, 7 October, 1633.

The jurors say, with respect to filling the Middletorne hole, for the King; and with respect to removing the Mearstone, they say that the Defendant is not guilty.

Fyned by the Sessions at vs.

By M*aiste*r Parker, M*aiste*r Parker the elder, M*aiste*r Recorder, M*aiste*r Nix, M*aiste*r James. 7 October, 1633.

82, ro. 13.

IV.—*Deed-Poll reciting the Charter of King John, which exempts the Burgesses from Payment of Toll, and requiring that William Nix and others be allowed to pass toll-free.*

1634, September 6.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—To all the faithful subjects of Christ to whom this present writing shall come, the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, greeting.

Know ye, that among other exonerations, acquittances, liberties, and privileges granted, vouchsafed, and confirmed to us and our ancestors, Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, by the late Kings of England, Henry the First and Henry the Second, and afterwards likewise among the rest granted, vouchsafed, and confirmed by John, sometime King of England, by his letters patent, sealed with his great seal of England, bearing date at Clipston the nineteenth day of March, in the first year of his reign, there is contained as follows:

'John, by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, [and] Earl of Anjou, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justiciaries, sheriffs, and all his bailiffs and faithful subjects of all England, greeting.

'Know ye that we have granted, and by this our charter confirmed, to the Burgesses of Nottingham, all those free customs which they had in the time of King Henry, our great-grandfather, and in the time of King Henry, our father, as the charter of the same Henry

[4] *Aquitanniae,*] 'Acqui*e*tan,' MS.

[5] *comitibus,*] 'comit*t*ibus,' MS.

[6] *carta,*] 'c*h*arta,' MS.

patris nostri, sicut carta[1] ejusdem Henrici, patris nostri, testatur; scilicet, *Thol*[2] et *Theam*, et *Infangenetheof*, et *Tholonea*[3] a Thurmodeston' usque ad Newarke, et de omnibus Trentham transeuntibus, et ex altera parte a duito[4] ultra Rempston usque ad aquam de Radford in Nord', et de Byckerdyke; et quod iter de Trent liberum esse debet navigantibus quantum pertica una obtinebit ex utraque parte fili aquae; praeterea concessimus etiam de proprio dono nostro, et hac carta[1] nostra confirmavimus, eisdem liberis Burgensibus nostris quod ipsi quieti sint[5] de *Tholonea*[6] per totam terram nostram, infra nundinas et extra; et prohibemus, ne quis contra hanc cartam[7] nostram praedictos Burgenses vexare praesumat in aliquo, super decem libras[8] forisfacti, etc.'

Quas quidem concessiones, donationes, libertates, et privilegia Dominus noster Carolus, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., per litteras suas patentes magno sigillo suo Angliae sigillatas, gerentes datam apud Westmonasterium octavo die Decembris, anno regni sui secundo, Majori et Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concessit, confirmavit, acceptavit, approbavit, et ratificavit, prout tenore earundem litterarum patentium dicti Domini Regis nunc inter alia plene apparet.

[9]Vos, igitur, rogamus et requirimus per praesentes, quod Willelmum[10] Nixe, unum[11] Aldermannorum villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, Ricardum[12] East, Willelmum Price, David Nixe, Edwardum Whittington, Willelmum Peake, et Henricum James, *fishemongers* et *ironmongers*, et Burgenses villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et eorum quemlibet, et omnes et singulas res suas ac bona et mercandisia sua aut alicujus eorum, libera et quieta ab omni *Theolonio*,[13] *Thol*,[14] *Infangenetheof*, et *Theam*, sine interruptione aut impedimento quibuscunque abire et redire, emere, vendere, cariare, transportare, capere, et uti pacifice permittabis.

In cujus rei testimonium ego Robertus Parker, modo Major villae Nottinghamiae praedictae sigillum officii Majoratûs villae praedictae praesentibus apponi feci.

1 *carta*,] 'c*h*arta,' MS.
2 *Thol*,] 'th*e*ol,' MS.
3 *Tholonea*,] 'theolon*e*a,' MS.
4 *duito*,] 'du*n*to,' MS.
5 *sint*,] 's*u*nt,' MS.
6 *Tholonea*,] 'Theoloneo,' MS.
7 *cartam*,] c*h*arta,' MS.
8 *libras*,] 'libr*i*s,' MS.
9 The grammar and construction of this clause are very much at fault; but it

our father, witnesses, to wit, *Thol*[2] and *Theam*, and *Infangenetheof*, and *Tholonea*[3] from Thrumpton to Newark, and of all things passing the Trent, and on the other side from the brook beyond Rempston to the water of Retford in the North, and from Byckerdyke; and that the passage of the Trent ought to be free to navigators as far as one perch shall extend on either side of the mid-stream; moreover, we have granted also of our own gift, and by this our charter have confirmed, to the same our free Burgesses, that they shall be quit of *Tholonea*[6] throughout the whole of our land, within fairs and without; and we forbid that anyone presume to vex the aforesaid Burgesses in anything against this our charter, on pain of ten marks to be forfeited, etc.'

The which grants, gifts, liberties, and privileges our Lord Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc., did by his letters patent, sealed with his great seal of England, bearing date at Westminster the eighth day of December, in the second year of his reign, grant, confirm, accept, approve, and ratify to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and to their successors, as by the tenor of the same letters patent of the said present Lord King, among other things fully appears.

[9]We, therefore, by these presents ask and require you that you will permit William Nix, one of the Aldermen of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, Richard East, William Price, David Nix, Edward Whittington, William Peake, and Henry James, fishmongers and ironmongers, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and any one of them, and all and singular the things of them, and goods and merchandise of them, or any one of them, to depart and return, buy, sell, carry, remove, take and use peacefully, free and clear from all *Theolonium*, *Thol*,[14] *Infangenetheof*, and *Theam*, without interruption or impediment whatsoever.

In witness whereof, I, Robert Parker, the present Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, have caused the seal of the office of Mayoralty of the town aforesaid to be put to these presents.

has not been thought advisable to recast it, as the meaning is sufficiently clear.

[10] *Willelmum*,] 'Will'm'*s*,' MS. All the names which follow are likewise in the nominative.

[11] *unum*,] 'un*ius*,' MS.

[12] *Ricardum*,] 'Ric*h*ardus,' MS.

[13] *theolonio*,] 'theolon*e*o,' MS.

[14] *thol*,] 'theo,' MS.

Datum apud Guihald villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, sexto die Septembris, anno regni dicti Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., decimo, 1634.

Rob't Parker, Maior. 4664.

V.—*Exemplification of that part of the Doomsday Book which relates to Nottingham.*

1635, June 15.

CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., omnibus ad quos praesentes literae nostrae pervenerint, salutem.

Inspeximus librum vocatum '*Doomesday*' in Thesaurario Receptae Scaccarii nostri, sub custodia Commissionariorum pro executione officii Thesaurarii et Camerarii nostrorum ibidem remanentem, in quo quidem libro, inter alia, continetur, ut sequitur:—

'Snotingham, Scire:—In burgo Snotingeham fuere tempore Regis Edwardi[1] clxxiii. burgenses et xix. villani.[2] Ad hunc burgum adjacent vi. carucatae[3] terrae ad gildam Regis, et unum pratum et silvae minutae[4] vi. quarantenas longae et v. latae. Haec terra partita fuit inter xxxviii. burgenses, et de censu terrae et operibus burgensium reddit lxxv. solidos et vii. denarios, et de duobus monetariis xl. solidos. Inibi habuit Comes Tosti[5] I carucatam terrae, de cujus terrae soca habebat Rex duos denarios, et ipse Comes tertiam. Hugo, Vicecomes, filius Baldrici, invenit cxxxvi. homines manentes: modo sunt sexdecim minus. Ipse tamen Hugo in terra comitis in novo burgo statuit xxx. domos, quae antea non fuerant, apponens eas in censu veteris burgi.

'In Snotingeham est una ecclesia in dominio regis, in qua jacent iii. mansiones burgi et v. bovatae terrae de supra-dictis sex carucatis, cum saca et soca,[6] et ad eandem ecclesiam pertinent v. acrae terrae et dimidia, de qua[7] rex habet sacam et socam. Burgenses habent vi. carucatas terrae ad arandum, et xx. bordarios et xiiii.[8] carucas. In aqua Trentae soliti erant piscari, et modo querelam faciunt eo

[1] Edward the Confessor.

[2] villani = villeins, *i.e.*, serfs or bondmen.

[3] *carucatae, carves*; see Glossary.

[4] *silva minuta* = *silva caedua*, *bois taillis* (wood fit for cutting, copse or coppice). Bailey who, like Deering, translates the words 'silvae minutae' literally as 'small woods,' supposes the Nottingham Coppice to be meant.

[5] King Harold's brother.

Given at the Guildhall of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, on the sixth day of September, in the tenth year of the reign of our said Lord Charles, the present King of England, etc., 1634.

Rob't Parker, Mayor. 4664.

V.—*Exemplification of that part of the Doomsday Book which relates to Nottingham.*

1635, June 15.

CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to all to whom our present letters shall come, greeting.

We have inspected the book called '*Doomesday*,' in the Treasury of the Receipt of our Exchequer, under the care of the Commissioners for the execution of the office of our Treasurer and Chamberlain there remaining, in which book, among other things, is contained as follows :—

'Snotingham, To wit :—In the borough of Snotingeham there were in King Edward's[1] time, clxxiii. burgesses and xix. villeins.[2] To this borough appertain vi. carves[3] of land for the king's revenue, and one meadow and copses,[4] vi. furlongs long and v. broad. This land was divided among xxxviii. burgesses, and of the rent of the land and the works of the burgesses yields lxxv. shillings and vii. pence, and from two moneyers xl. shillings. Earl Tosti[5] had therein i. carve of land, of the soc of which land the king used to have two pence, and the Earl himself the third. The Sheriff, Hugh Fitz-Baldric, found cxxxvi. men residing [there]: now there are sixteen less. The said Hugh, moreover, erected on the Earl's land in the new borough xxx. dwellings, which before were not, putting them in the census of the old borough.

'In Snotingeham there is one church in the king's demesne, wherein are situate iii. dwelling-houses of the borough, and v. oxgangs of land of the abovesaid six carves, with sac and soc,[6] and to the same church belong v. acres and a half of land, whereof the king hath sac and soc. The Burgesses have vi. carves of land for ploughing, and xx. boors and xiiii.[8] ploughs. They were wont to fish in the water of

[6] *saca et soca*=sac and soc ; see Glossary for explanation of these words.

[7] '*de qua*,' *i.e.* '*de qua terra*,' 'of which land.'

[8] Deering, in his partial transcript of this document in *Nottinghamia Vetus et Nova*, ed. 1751, p. 289, has 'xiii. carucas.'

quod piscari prohibentur. In tempore Regis Edwardi reddebat Snotingham xviii. libras, modo xxx. libras et x. libras de moneta.

'Rogerus de Busli habet in Snotingham iii. mansiones, in quibus sedent xi. domus reddentes iiii. solidos et vii. denarios.

'Willelmus[1] Pevrel habet xlviii. domos mercatorum reddentes xxxvi. solidos, et xii. domos equitum et viii. bordarios.

'Radulfus de Burun habet xiii. domos equitum; in una harum manet unus mercator.

'Gilbertus iiii. domos.

'Radulfus filius Huberti habet xi. domos; in his manent iii. mercatores.

'Goisfridus Alselin habet xxi. domos, et Accardus[2] Presbyter ii^{as}[3] domos.

'In crofta Presbyteri sunt lxv. domus, et in his habet rex sacam et socam. Ecclesia, cum omnibus quae ad eam pertinent, valet per annum centum solidos.

'Ricardus Frelle[4] habet iiii. domos.

'In fossato burgi sunt xvii. domus, et aliae vi. domus.

'Willelmo Peverel concessit rex x. acras terrae ad faciendum pomerium.

'In Snotingeham habuit Rex Edwardus i. carucatam terrae cum gilda terrae ii. carucatarum; ibi habet modo rex xi. villanos habentes iiii. carucatas et xii. acras[5] prati, in dominio nihil.[6]

'Tempore Regis Edwardi valuit iii. libras, modo similes.

'In Snotingeham aqua Trentae et fossa et via versus Eboracum custodiuntur, ita ut siquis impedierit transitum navium, et siquis araverit, vel fossam fecerit in via regis infra duas perticas, emendare habet per viii. libras.'

Quae omnia et singula praemissa ad instantiam et requisitionem dilectorum et fideliorum nostrorum Majoris et Burgensium villae Nottinghamiae duximus exemplificanda, per praesentes sub sigillo Scaccarii nostri.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

[1] *Willelmus,*] 'Willi,' MS.

[2] *Accardus,* so MS. But 'Aitardus' in a printed copy of the Doomsday Book, in the Nottingham Free Library, and Deering has 'Arcardus,' and Bailey 'Acadus.'

[3] ii^{as} = duas.

[4] *Frelle,* so MS., and Deering, but 'Tresle' in Bailey's *Annals*, and 'Fresle' in the above-mentioned copy of the Doomsday Book.

the Trent, and now they make complaint because they are hindered from fishing. In King Edward's time Snotingham used to pay xviii. pounds, now xxx. pounds and x. pounds of the Mint.

'Roger de Busli hath in Snotingham iii. mansions, in which are seated xi. houses, yielding iiii. shillings and vii. pence.

'William Peverel hath xlviii. merchants' houses, rendering xxxvi. shillings, and xii. knights' houses, and viii. boors.

'Ralph de Burun hath xiii. houses of knights; in one of these dwells one merchant.

'Gilbert iiii. houses.

'Ralph Fitz-Hubert hath xi. houses; in these abide iii. merchants.

'Goisfrid [de] Alselin hath xxi. houses, and Accardus[3] the Priest ii. houses.

'In the croft of the Priest are lxv. houses, and in these the king hath sac and soc. The church, with all the things that pertain to it, is of the value of one hundred shillings per annum.

'Richard Frelle[4] hath iiii. houses.

'In the ditch of the borough there are xvii. houses, and other six houses.

'The king granted to William Peverel x. acres of land for making an orchard.

'King Edward had in Snotingeham i. carve of land with the revenue of ii. carves of land; the present king hath xi. villeins there possessing iiii. carves and xii. acres of meadow: in [his] demesne nothing.

'In King Edward's time it was worth iii. pounds, now the like.

'In Snotingeham the water of the Trent and the ditch and road to York are protected, so that if anyone shall obstruct the passage of vessels, and if anyone shall plough or make a trench within two perches of the king's highway, he hath to make amends by viii. pounds.'

The which premises all and singular we have by [these] presents under the seal of our Court of Exchequer, caused to be exemplified at the instance and request of our beloved and faithful Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

[5] Deering here inserts the word 'terrae.'

[6] *nihil,*] 'nichil,' MS.

Teste praedilecto et fideli Consiliario nostro Franco domino Cottington, Cancellario et Sub-Thesaurario Scaccarii nostri.

Datum apud Westmonasterium xv° die Junii, anno regni nostri undecimo.

Exemplificatum per Scipionem le Squyre pro camerario.

In custodia Receptoris Scaccarii xv° Junii, 1635. 4665.

VI.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*

1636, October. Per orientem.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod cum in Statuto in Parliamento nuper Dominae nostrae Elizabethae nuper Reginae Angliae, etc., tentato apud Westmonasterium in Comitatu Middlesexiae duodecimo die Januarii, anno regni sui quinto, edito, inter alia, inactitatum fuit, authoritate ejusdem Parliamenti, quod post primum diem Maii extunc proximo sequentem, non fuerit licitum alicui personae, seu aliquibus personis, aliis quam talibus tempore editionis Statuti praedicti, videlicet, praedicto duodecimo die Januarii, anno quinto supradicto, legitime[1] utentibus seu exercentibus aliquam artem, misteram,[2] sive manualem occupationem, erigere, occupare, uti, aut exercere aliquam artem, misteram seu occupationem (Anglice, '*crafte, misterie, or occupation*'), tunc usitatam et occupatam infra regnum Angliae aut Walliae, sinon quod ille educatus fuisset tanquam apprenticius in eadem arte aut occupatione per spatium septem annorum ad minus, modo et forma in eodem Statuto contentis, sub poena forisfacturae, pro quolibet mense quo[3] quaelibet persona voluntarie offendens et faciens in contrarium, summae[4] quadraginta solidorum, prout in eodem Statuto continetur: quidam tamen Thomas Woolley, senior, de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *ropemaker*, Statutum praedictum minime ponderans, nec poenam in eodem Statuto verens, tempore editionis Statuti praedicti, videlicet, praedicto duodecimo die Januarii, anno quinto supradicto, legitime[1] non utens seu exercens artem sive misteram salinarii (Anglice, '*of a sallter*'), nec unquam existens educatus tanquam apprenticius in arte sive mistera [salinarii], (Anglice, '*of a sallter*'), per spatium septem

[1] *legitime,*] 'legit*i*me,' MS.

[2] mistera or misterium = ministerium.

[3] *quo,*] 'qu*e*,' MS.



Witness our well-beloved and trusty Counsellor Frank Lord Cottington, Chancellor and Sub-Treasurer of our Exchequer.

Given at Westminster the xvth day of June, in the eleventh year of our reign.

Exemplified by Scipio le Squyre, Deputy-Chamberlain.

In the custody of the Receiver of the Exchequer xvth June, 1635.

4665.

VI.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*

1636, October. By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that whereas it was enacted among other things, in the Statute issued in the Parliament of our late Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, etc., holden at Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of January, in the fifth year of her reign, by the authority of the same Parliament, that, after the first day of May then next following, it should not be lawful for any person, or for any persons, other than such as those at the time of the issue of the Statute aforesaid, to wit, on the aforesaid twelfth day of January, in the abovesaid fifth year, lawfully using or exercising any craft, mistery, or manual occupation, to set up, occupy, use, or exercise any craft, mistery, or occupation (in English, '*crafte, misterie, or occupation*'), then used and occupied within the realm of England or Wales, unless he should have been educated as an apprentice in the same craft or occupation for the space of seven years at the least, in the manner and form contained in the same Statute, upon pain of forfeiture, for every month in which every person wilfully offending and acting in contravention, of the sum of forty shillings, as in the same Statute is contained: nevertheless, one Thomas Woolley, the elder, of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham, ropemaker, not at all regarding the Statute aforesaid, nor fearing the penalty in the same Statute, [he] not at the time of issue of the Statute aforesaid, to wit, the aforesaid twelfth day of January, in the fifth year abovesaid, lawfully using or exercising the craft or mistery of a drysalter (in English, '*of a sallter*'), nor ever having been educated as an apprentice, in the craft or mistery [of a drysalter], (in English, '*of a sallter*'), for the space of seven years, in

[4] *summae*,] 'summa,' MS. In the remainder of this clause, the MS. is strictly followed.

annorum, modo et forma prout in eodem Statuto continetur, hic apud villam Nottinghamiae in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, post praedictum primum diem Maii, anno quinto supradicto, usus fuit, exercuit, et occupavit artem, misterium, et occupationem salinarii (Anglice, '*of a sallter*'), in vendendo picum, pensum, ferrum, rossinum,[1] lupulum, saponem, et turbasem (Anglice, '*pittch, flax, iron, rosin, hopps, soape, and starch*'), et alia merchandisia, videlicet, a quarto die Novembris anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., undecimo, usque decimum diem Octobris tunc proximo sequentem,[2] videlicet, per spatium undecim[3] mensium; ars, mistera et occupatio praedicta existens ars, mistera et occupatio dicto duodecimo die Januarii, anno quinto supradicto usitata et occupata infra dictum regnum Angliae: in dicti Domini Regis contemptum ac contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, etc., ac contra formam Statuti, etc.

David Nixe, juratus. 78, ro. 40.

1637, April.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Robertus Barley, de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *laborer*, decimo quarto die Aprilis, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., xiii.,[4] vi et armis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, quandam[5] parcellam brassii (Anglice, '*a certen parcell of maulte*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Walteri Edge, generosi, magistri sui, tunc et ibidem inventis, felonice furatus fuit, cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc.; ac quod quidam Willelmus Hall, nuper de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, *laborer*, sciens praedictum Robertum Barley feloniam praedictam in forma praedicta sic fecisse et perpetrasse, eundem Robertum Barley postea, scilicet, decimo quinto die Aprilis, anno decimo tertio Domini Regis supradicto,[6] apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, felonice

[1] *rossinum*,] 'rosine,' MS.

[2] *i.e.*, from Wednesday, November 4, 1635, to Monday, October 10, 1636.

[3] *undecim*,] 'undecem,' MS.

[4] Friday, April 14, 1637.

[5] *quandam*,] 'quoddam,' MS.

manner and form as in the same Statute is contained, here at the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, after the aforesaid first day of May, in the fifth year abovesaid, did use, exercise, and occupy the craft, mistery, and occupation of a drysalter (in English, '*of a sallter*'), in selling pitch, flax, iron, rosin, hops, soap, and starch (in English, '*pittch, flax, iron, rosin, hopps, soape, and starch*'), and other wares, to wit, from the fourth day of November, in the eleventh year of the reign of our Lord Charles the present King of England, etc., until the tenth day of October then next following,[2] that is to say, for the space of eleven months; the craft, mistery, and occupation aforesaid being a craft, mistery, and occupation used and occupied within the said realm of England, on the said twelfth day of January, in the fifth year abovesaid: in contempt of the said Lord King, and against the peace of the said present Lord King, etc., and against the form of the Statute, etc.

David Nix, sworn, 78, ro. 40.

1637, April.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that Robert Barley, of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham, labourer, on the fourteenth day of April, in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.,[4] with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, a certain quantity of malt (in English, '*a certen parcell of maulte*'), to the value of tenpence, of the goods and chattels of one Walter Edge, gentleman, his master, being then and there found, feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.; and that one William Hall, late of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, labourer, knowing the aforesaid Robert Barley so to have committed and perpetrated the felony aforesaid in the form aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the fifteenth day of April, in the abovesaid thirteenth year of the Lord King,[6] at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, feloniously did

[6] Saturday, April 15, 1637.

hospitavit et comfortavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, etc.

Walterus Edge, juratus.
Alicia Stables, jurata[1] 78, ro. 88.

1640-1, January 18.

Per orientem.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Dorothea Horner, nuper de Costocke in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, *spinster*, nono die Novembris, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli, nunc Regis Angliae, etc., sextodecimo,[2] vi et armis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, quandam[3] parcellam plumbi (Anglice, '*certen pewter dishes or sawcers*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Georgii Hall, generosi, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam inventis, tunc et ibidem felonice furatus fuit, cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc.

Willelmus Hall, juratus. 81, ro. 19.

Per orientem.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Maria Wrighte, uxor Ricardi[4] Wrighte, de villa Nottinghamiae in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *tanner*, vicesimo octavo die Octobris, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., sextodecimo,[5] vi et armis apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam in et super quandam[6] Susannam Wheately, uxorem Georgii Wheateley, de villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, *tanner*, in pace Dei et dicti Domini Regis existentem, insultum fecit, et ipsam Susannam ad tunc et ibidem verberavit, vulneravit, et male tractavit, ita quod de vita ejus desperabatur, et alia enormia ei intulit, ad grave dampnum ipsius Susannae, ac contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc.

Susanna Wheateley. 81, ro. 20.

[1] At the foot of this presentment is the following note: 'Confessed the Indytement, and haue judgment: to be put to the House of Correction, *ut in libro ordinatum*' ('as ordered in the book').

Confessions by both Defendants are appended, Bailey or 'Barlow' alleging that he was 'persuaded' by Hall to rob his 'mistress' of more malt than Hall would admit.



harbour and comfort the same Robert Barley, against the peace of the said present Lord King, etc.

Walter Edge, sworn.
Alice Stables, sworn.[1] 78, ro. 88.

1640-1, January 18.

By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that Dorothy Horner, late of Costock, in the County of Nottingham, spinster, on the ninth day of November, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles, the present King of England, etc.,[2] with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, a certain portion of pewter (in English, '*certen pewter dishes or sawcers*'), to the value of tenpence, of the goods and chattels of one George Hall, gentleman, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.

William Hall, sworn. 81, ro. 19.

By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that Mary Wright, wife of Richard Wright, of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham, tanner, on the twenty-eighth day of October, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles the present King of England, etc.,[5] did, with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, in and upon one Susanna Wheatley, wife of George Wheatley, of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, tanner, being in the peace of God and of the said Lord King, make an assault, and did then and there beat, wound, and maltreat the said Susanna, so that her life was being despaired of, and did inflict other outrages upon her, to the grievous harm of the said Susanna, and against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.

Susanna Wheatley. 81, ro. 20.

[2] Monday, November 9, 1640.
[3] *quandam*,] 'quendam,' MS.
[4] *Ricardi*,] 'Rich'i,' MS.
[5] Wednesday, October 28, 1640.
[6] *quandam*,] 'quendam,' MS.

Per orientem.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Anthonius Tillsley, de Beeston, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, *laborer*, duodecimo die Decembris, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., sextodecimo,[1] vi et armis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, unum saccum (Anglice, '*one bagg*'), ad valentiam unius denarii, et duas mensuras frumenti (Anglice, '*twoe pecks of wheate*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Willelmi Parneham, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam inventis, tunc et ibidem felonice furatus fuit, cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc.

Willelmus Parneham, juratus.

Culpatur:—*Judgment, to be sent to Saint Johnes, and there to be whipped.* 81, ro. 21.

VII.—[2] *Writs for Removing Robert Greaves from the Office of Clerk to the Statutes, and appointing a Substitute.*

1645, August 1.

Clerico ad Statuta amovendo:—CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., Majori et Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae, salutem.

Quia ex Relatu accepimus plurimorum quod Robertus Greaves, nuper de villa praedicta, generosus, qui custodiam Minoris peciae sigilli, juxta formam Statuti de[3] Acton Burnell editi, in eadem villa accipiendi deputati, jam habet,[4] in villa praedicta moram non facit, per quod ad ea quae ad officium suum pertinent in hac parte facienda, intendere non potest, in mercatorum et aliorum ad dictam villam confluentium dispendium non modicum et gravamen:

Vobis mandamus quod si ita est, tunc ipsum Robertum ab officio illo sine dilatione amoveri faciatis. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, primo die Augusti, anno regni nostri vicesimo primo.

Watson.

3419, p. 45.

[1] Saturday, December 12, 1640.

[2] The two following have been transcribed from copies of the writs entered in the Council Book of 1644-5. The return of the latter writ electing William Flamsteed Clerk of the Statutes was sealed September 22, 1645.

[3] The more usual reading is '*apud Acton Burwell editi*' ('issued *at* Acton Burnell').

By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that Anthony Tillsley, of Beeston, in the County of Nottingham, laborer, on the twelfth day of December, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles the present King of England, etc.,[1] with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, one bag (in English, '*one bagg*'), to the value of one penny, and two measures of corn (in English, '*twoe pecks of wheate*'), to the value of tenpence, of the goods and chattels of one William Parnham, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.

William Parnham, sworn.

He is found guilty:—Judgment, to be sent to Saint John's, and there to be whipped. 81, ro. 21.

VII.—[2] *Writs for Removing Robert Greaves from the Office of Clerk to the Statutes, and appointing a Substitute.*

1645, August 1.

Removing the Clerk to the Statutes:—CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, greeting.

Forasmuch as we have understood from the report of very many that Robert Greaves, late of the town aforesaid, gentleman, who now has the custody of the lesser piece of the seal,[4] according to the form of the Statute issued from[3] Acton Burnell, appointed to be received in the same town, makes not abode in the town aforesaid, whereby he is not able to attend to those matters which to his office pertain in this behalf to be done, to the no little expense and injury of merchants and others resorting to the said town:

We command you that if so it is, then you cause the said Robert to be removed, without delay from that office. Witness myself at Westminster, the first day of August, in the twenty-first year of our reign.

Watson.

3419, fo. 45.

[4] The other piece was with the Mayor. See Introduction to the present volume. For the full official style of the Clerk of the Statutes, see Vol. III., p. 434. The King's seal was sent to twelve towns, Nottingham being one. See Introduction to Vol. I., pp. xv.-xvi.

1645, August 5.

Clerico ad Statuta eligendo:—CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., Majori et Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae, salutem.

Quia ex Relatu virorum accepimus quod Robertus Greaves, nuper de villa praedicta, generosus, qui custodiam minoris peciae sigilli juxta formam Statuti de[1] Acton Burnell editi, in eadem villa accipiendi deputati jam habet,[2] in villa praedicta moram non facit, per quod ad ea quae ad officium suum pertinent in hac parte facienda intendere non potest, in Mercatorum et aliorum ad dictam villam confluentium dispendium non modicum et gravamen.

Vobis mandamus quod si ita est, tunc loco ipsius Roberti eligi faciatis unum alium hominem de villa praedicta qui ad dictam peciam custodiendam et ad ea quae ad illam custodiam pertinent facienda melius sciat et possit intendere, et nos de nominatione illius quem sic eligeritis sub communi sigillo vestro distincte et apte sine dilatione reddatis certiores, hoc breve nobis remittentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, quinto die Augusti, anno regni nostri vicesimo primo. Watson.

3419, fo. 45.

VIII.—*Grant to George Gregory of a Fair at Lenton, on Wednesday in Whitsun Week, and for six days following.*

1663, November 9.

[3]Rex omnibus ad quos, etc., salutem.

Cum per quandam Inquisitionem de mandato nostro captam apud *le Shire Hall* in Comitatu nostro Nottinghamiae decimo sexto die Maii, anno regni nostri decimo quinto, in Curia Cancellariae nostrae certificatam, et ibidem modo de recordo remanentem, per sacramentum duodecim proborum et legalium hominum Comitatis praedictae compertum existit, quod non erit ad dampnum vel prejudicium nostrum aut aliorum, vel ad nocumentum aliquarum vicinarum nundinarum sive feriarum, si concedamus Georgio Gregorie,[4] generoso, haeredibus et assignatis suis, quod ipse, haeredes et assignati sui

[1] See note 3, p. 26.
[2] See note 4, p. 27.

[3] From a copy on paper, stated in a memorandum at the foot to have been

1645, August 5.

Electing a Clerk to the Statutes:—CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, greeting.

Forasmuch as we have received from men's report that Robert Greaves, late of the town aforesaid, gentleman, who now has the keeping of the lesser piece of the seal,[2] according to the form of the Statute issued from[1] Acton Burnell, appointed to be received in the same town, makes not abode in the town aforesaid, whereby he is not able to apply himself to those things which to his office appertain in this behalf to be done, to the no little expense and injury of the merchants and others resorting to the said town:

We command you that if so it is, then you cause to be elected in the place of the said Robert another man of the town aforesaid, who shall be better qualified and able to attend to the keeping of the said piece, and to those matters which to that keeping pertain to be done; and, returning this writ to us, you shall under your common seal, plainly and properly without delay, render us more assured of the nomination of him whom you shall so elect. Witness myself at Westminster, the fifth day of August, in the twenty-first year of our reign. Watson. 3419, fo. 45.

VIII.—*Grant to George Gregory of a Fair at Lenton, on Wednesday in Whitsun Week, and for six days following.*

1663, November 9.

[3]The King to all to whom, etc., greeting.

Whereas by a certain Inquisition of our mandate taken at the Shire Hall, in our County of Nottingham, on the sixteenth day of May, in the fifteenth year of our reign, certified in the Court of our Chancery, and there now remaining of record, it is found by the oath of twelve approved and lawful men of the County aforesaid, that it will not be to the damage or prejudice of us or others, or to the detriment of any neighbouring fairs, if we grant to George Gregory,[4] gentleman, his heirs and assigns, that he, his heirs and assigns have

examined with the record in the Petty Bag Office on 24th May, 1669.

[4] Grandson of William Gregory: born 1638, died 1688. High Sheriff for County Notts. in 1666.

habeant et teneant unam nundinam sive feriam apud villam de Lenton in Comitatu praedicto in et super diem Mercurii in septimana festi Pentecostes, et sex dies tum proximo sequentes, annuatim imperpetuum, et ad tolneta, Curiam Pedis Pulverizati, et proficua hujusmodi feriis usitata sibi, haeredibus, et assignatis suis percipienda, prout per Inquisitionem praedictam plenarie liquet et apparet:

Sciatis modo quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, haeredibus et successoribus nostris, damus et concedimus praefato Georgio Gregory, haeredibus et assignatis suis, quod ipse, haeredes et assignati sui de caetero imperpetuum habeant, teneant, et custodiant, et habere, tenere, et custodire valeant et possint, unam nundinam sive feriam quolibet anno apud villam de Lenton praedictam, in Comitatu nostro Nottinghamiae, in et super diem Mercurii in septimana festi Pentecostes et sex dies tum proximo sequentes, et per totos separales dies illos respective duraturam imperpetuum, unacum Curia Pedis Pulverizati tempore feriae sive nundinae praedictae modo et forma praedictis tenenda, ac cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, tolnetis, theoloniis, stallagiis, piccagiis, finibus, amerciamentis, et omnibus aliis proficius, advantagiis et emolumentis quibuscumque ad hujusmodi ferias et Curias Pedis Pulverizati, seu ad earum[1] aliquam vel aliquas, aliqualiter spectantibus, pertinentibus, emergentibus, sive provenientibus, sive cum eisdem seu earum aliqua[2] usualiter habitis sive gavisis: habenda, tenenda, et gaudenda praedictam nundinam sive feriam, ac liberas consuetudines, tolneta, theolonia, stallagia, piccagia, Curiam Pedis Pulverizati, fines, amerciamenta et cetera omnia et singula praemissa superius per praesentes concessa,[3] seu mentionata fore concessa, praefato Georgio Gregory, haeredibus et assignatis suis, ad solum et proprium opus et usum ipsius Georgii Gregory, haeredum et assignatorum suorum, imperpetuum; et hoc absque compoto vel aliquo alio nobis, haeredibus, vel successoribus nostris proinde reddendo, solvendo, vel faciendo.

Quare volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, haeredibus, et successoribus nostris, firmiter injungendo, praecipimus et mandamus quod praefatus Georgius Gregory, haeredes et assignati sui, vigore praesentium, bene, libere, licite, et quiete habeant, teneant, et custodiant,[4] ac habere, tenere, et custodire valeant et possint imperpetuum praedictam nundinam sive feriam in et super separales dies praedictos,

and hold a fair at the town of Lenton, in the County aforesaid, in and upon Wednesday in the week of the feast of Pentecost, and six days then next following, every year for ever, and take the tolls, Court of Piepowder, and profits used in such fairs to himself, his heirs and assigns, as by the Inquisition aforesaid fully appears and is evident:

Know ye now that we of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, do give and grant to the aforesaid George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, that he, his heirs and assigns may for ever hereafter have, hold, and keep, and may and shall have, hold, and keep a fair every year at the town of Lenton aforesaid, in our County of Nottingham, in and upon Wednesday in the week of the feast of Pentecost and six days then next ensuing, and to endure for all those several days respectively for ever, together with a Court of Piepowder to be holden in the time of the fair aforesaid in the manner and form aforesaid, and with all liberties and free customs, tolls, theolonia, stallages, pickages, fines, amercements, and all other profits, advantages and emoluments whatsoever in anywise belonging to, pertaining to, arising or coming from such fairs and Courts of Piepowder, or any one or more of them, or with the same or any one of them usually had or enjoyed: to have, hold, and enjoy the aforesaid fair, and the free customs, tolls, theolonia, stallages, pickages, Court of Piepowder, fines, amercements and the other premises all and singular above granted by these presents, or mentioned to be granted, to the aforesaid George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, to the sole and proper use and behoof of the said George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, for ever; and this without rendering, paying, or making account or anything else therefor to us, our heirs, or successors.

Wherefore we will, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, firmly enjoining, ordain and command that the aforesaid George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, by the force of these presents, well, freely, lawfully, and quietly shall have, hold, and keep, and may and shall have, hold, and keep for ever the aforesaid fair in and upon the several days aforesaid, together with all and all manner

[1] *earum*,] 'eorum,' MS.
[2] *earum aliqua*,] 'eorum aliquo,' MS.
[3] *concessa*,] 'concesso,' MS.
[4] *custodiant*,] 'custodeant,' MS.

unacum omnibus et omnimodis libertatibus, consuetudinibus,[1] tolnetis, et proficius inde provenientibus si[ve] cum eadem[2] gavisis, secundum tenorem et veram intentionem harum litterarum nostrarum patentium, absque molestatione, perturbatione, gravamine, sive contradictione nostri, haeredum vel successorum nostrorum, aut aliquorum vicecomitorum, escaetorum, ballivorum, officiariorum, sive ministrorum nostrorum, haeredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque; et hoc absque aliquo [alio] warranto, brevi, vel processu a nobis, haeredibus, vel successoribus nostris imposterum in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo, eo quod expressa mentio, etc.

In cujus rei, etc.

Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium, novo die Novembris, anno regni nostri quinto decimo. Per breve de privato sigillo.

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IX.—*Exemplification of the Claim of the Mayor and Burgesses to the Forestal Rights, etc., and of the Allowance thereof.*

1675, September 8.

CAROLUS Secundus, Dei gratia, [Angliae], Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae, Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., omnibus ad quos litterae nostrae pervenerint, salutem.

Sciatis, quod inter placita Forestae nostrae de Sherwood, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, tenta coram Willelmo, Marchione Newcastle,[3] Justiciario Itinerantis omnium forestarum nostrarum ultra Trentam, inspeximus quoddam Clameum de Recordo ibidem remanens, tenor cujus in haec verba sequitur:—

Foresta de Sherwood, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, Scire: Placita Forestae Domini Regis de Sherwood tenta apud Mansfield in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, vicesimo quinto die Februarii, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli Secundi, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., quinto decimo, coram Willelmo, Marchione Newcastle et Justiciario Itinerantis omnium forestarum ultra Trentam.

Et modo ad hunc diem venerunt Major et Burgenses villae Nottinghamiae per Radulphum Edge, attornatum suum, et clamant pro se et successoribus suis habere boscos suos, vocatos '*Nottingham Coppice*,' jacentes et existentes infra metas et bundas Forestae prae-

[1] *consuetudinibus*,] 'consuitud,' MS. [2] *eadem*,] 'eodem,' MS.



of liberties, customs, tolls and profits thence accruing, or enjoyed with the same, according to the tenor and true intent of these our letters patent, and without molestation, perturbation, grievance, or contradiction of us, our heirs or successors, or of any sheriffs, escheators, bailiffs, officers, or ministers of us, our heirs or successors whomsoever; and this without any [other] warrant, writ, or process to be hereafter procured or obtained in this behalf from us, our heirs or successors, under the pretext that express mention, etc.

In witness whereof, etc.

Witness the King at Westminster, the ninth day of November, in the fifteenth year of our reign. By writ of privy seal.

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IX.—*Exemplification of the Claim of the Mayor and Burgesses to the Forestal Rights, etc., and of the Allowance thereof.*

1675, September 8.

CHARLES the Second, by the grace of God of [England], Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to all to whom our letters shall come, greeting.

Know ye, that among the pleas of our Forest of Sherwood, in the County of Nottingham, holden before William, Marquis of Newcastle, Justice in Eyre of all our forests beyond the Trent, we have inspected a certain Claim of Record there remaining, the tenor whereof is in these words following:—

'Forest of Sherwood, in the County of Nottingham, To wit: Pleas of the Lord King's Forest of Sherwood, holden at Mansfield, in the County of Nottingham, on the twenty-fifth day of February, in the fifteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles the Second, by God's grace of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., before William, Marquis of Newcastle, and Justice in Eyre of all the forests beyond the Trent.'

And now on this day have come the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham by Ralph Edge, their attorney, and claim for themselves and their successors to have their woods, called 'Nottingham Coppice,' lying and being within the limits and bounds of the

3 *Newcastle*,] the usual Latin equivalent would be 'Novi Castri' or 'Novi Castelli.'

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dictae; ac omnes arbores, boscos, et subboscos suos ibidem crescentes, succidere, vendere, et disponere ad libitum eorum.

Clamant etiam totam villam de Nottinghamia et terram suam, cum pertinentiis, in villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, infra libertates villae de Nottinghamia praedictae, habere et tenere, solutas et quietas de vastis, assartis, et purpresturis, et de regardo sive visu forestariorum[1] vel aliorum ministrorum Domini Regis Forestae praedictae, praeterquam chasionem et fugationem ferarum Forestae praedictae, per totam terram suam de Nottinghamia; ita tamen quod occasione hujusmodi libertatis Domino Regi nec haeredibus suis damnum non fiat de venatione sua.

Ac etiam clamant habere leporarios et canes suos infra praedictam terram de Nottingham, ad currendos et capiendos lepores et vulpes, extra coopertum Forestae praedictae.

Et pro titulo ad libertates, proficua, et privilegia praedicta habenda, iidem Major et Burgenses, per attornatum suum praedictum, dicunt quod Johannes quondam Comes de Mortimer[2] (dum fuit Dominus Castri de Nottingham praedicta, et totius Forestae praedictae Sherwood), habens statum et potestatem concedere talia proficua, libertates, et privilegia, per Chartam suam, quam proferunt hic in Curia, dedit et concessit praedictis Burgensibus totam terram suam, cum pertinentiis, de Nottingham, quietam de vastis, assartis, purpresturis, et de regardo sive visu forestariorum, viridariorum,[3] regardatorum, seu aliorum ministrorum Forestae Domini Regis; et habere et tenere leporarios et canes suos apud Nottinghamiam ad currendos et capiendos lepores et vulpes extra coopertum Forestae praedictae; ita tamen quod occasione hujusmodi libertatis Domino Regi, nec haeredibus suis, damnum non fiat de venatione sua.

Proferunt etiam iidem Major et Burgenses hic in Curia quandam aliam Cartam ipsius Johannis, per quam ipse idem Johannes (cum postea existisset Rex Angliae), praedictas concessiones in praedicta priori Carta mentionatas, praefatis Burgensibus ratificavit et confirmavit; et praedicti Major et Burgenses dicunt, quod virtute Cartarum praedictarum, nec non virtute diversarum aliarum Cartarum diversorum aliorum Regum et Reginarum Angliae confirmationis libertatum et privilegiorum praedictorum, inter alia, eis confirmatorum et hic, in Curia, consimiliter probatorum, ipsi iidem Burgenses et praedecessores sui semper huc usque a confectione Cartarum praedictarum, sine

[1] *Forestariorum,*] 'for*i*stariorum,' MS.

[2] 'Comes de Mortimer,' for 'Comes Moretoniae.' 'Earl of Mortimer' for 'Earl of Mortain.'

Forest aforesaid; and to cut down, sell, and dispose of, at their pleasure, all their trees, woods, and underwoods there growing.

Moreover, they claim to have and to hold the whole town of Nottingham, and its land, with the appurtenances, in the town of Nottingham aforesaid, within the liberties of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, free and quit of wastes, assarts, and purprestures, and of the regard or view of the foresters or other ministers of the Lord King of the Forest aforesaid, except the chase and pursuit of the beasts of the Forest aforesaid, throughout their whole land of Nottingham; provided that by occasion of such liberty damage be not done to the Lord King, nor to his heirs, of his venison.

And they also claim to have their greyhounds and dogs within the aforesaid land of Nottingham, to run and take hares and foxes outside the covert of the Forest aforesaid.

And for a title to have the liberties, profits, and privileges aforesaid, the same Mayor and Burgesses, by their attorney aforesaid, say that John, sometime Earl of Mortimer[2] (while he was Lord of the Castle of Nottingham aforesaid, and of the whole Forest of Sherwood aforesaid), having the estate and power of granting such profits, liberties, and privileges, by his Charter, which they proffer here in the Court, gave and granted to the aforesaid Burgesses all their land, with appurtenances, of Nottingham, quit of wastes, assarts, purprestures, and of regard or view of the foresters, verderers, regarders, or other ministers of the Forest of the Lord King; and to have and hold their greyhounds and dogs at Nottingham to run and take hares and foxes beyond the covert of the Forest aforesaid; yet so that by reason of such liberty damage be not done to the Lord King, nor to his heirs, of his venison.

The same Mayor and Burgesses also proffer here in the Court a certain other Charter of the said John, by which he the same John (when afterwards he was King of England), ratified and confirmed to the aforesaid Burgesses the aforesaid grants mentioned in the aforesaid former Charter; and the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses say, that by virtue of the Charters aforesaid, as also by virtue of divers other Charters of divers other Kings and Queens of England of confirmation of the liberties and privileges aforesaid, confirmed to them among other things, and likewise approved here in the Court, they

[3] *viridariorum,*] 'veridariorum,' MS.

interruptione, libertatibus, proficuis, et privilegiis praedictis usi sunt et gavisi fuerunt.

Et praedicti Major et Burgenses, per attornatum suum praedictum, clamant habere imperpetuum (praeter feriam unam per octo dies ad festum Sancti Matthaei Apostoli durantem) unam aliam feriam in eadem villa singulis annis per quindecim dies duraturam, videlicet, in vigilia, in die, et in crastino festi Sancti Edmundi Regis Martiris, et per duodecim dies sequentes, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi feriam pertinentibus.

Et pro titulo ad ferias praedictas, etc. [*Charter of* 12*th February,* 1283-4, *of Edward I. adduced, but ascribed by mistake to Edward II., who, however, confirmed it by his Charter of March* 16, 1313-14*; see* '*Records,*' *Vol. I., p.* 58, *lines* 17-23].

Et clamant quod nullus eorum placitet aut implacitetur coram dicto Domino Rege, etc. [*Claim not to plead out of the Borough concerning lands, etc., in the same, unless the actions concern the Crown or the Community of the Borough; and not to be joined with foreigners in assizes, juries, etc., and that foreigners shall not be joined with them in assizes, juries, etc., concerning lands or suits in the Borough; also that no royal officer shall enter the Borough to execute writs, etc., except in default of the Burgesses. Immunity from murage, pavage, stallage, and other imposts also claimed*[1]].

Et pro titulo, etc. [*Charter of Edward II., of* 16*th March,* 1313-14, *adduced, etc.; see* '*Records,*' *Vol. I., pp.* 78-79, '*Praeterea, volentes eisdem Burgensibus . . . . imperpetuum sint quieti*'].

Et praedicti clamantes, per attornatum suum praedictum ulterius clamant habere returnum omnium brevium. etc. [*as in Third Charter of Henry III., April* 14*th,* 1272. *See* '*Records,*' *Vol. I., page* 52: '*Concessimus etiam eisdem Burgensibus quod imperpetuum habeant returnum brevium nostrorum . . . . pertinentibus*]; ac habere gaolam, etc. [*as in Charter of Edward III., May* 1*st,* 1330*; see* '*Records,*' *Vol. I., p.* 104: '*Imperpetuum habeant gaolam . . . . attachiari contigerint*]. Clamant etiam habere et tenere in eodem burgo, etc. [*Claim to have Saturday Market, and acquittance of pontage, as in Charter of Edward III., May* 1*st,* 1330*; see* '*Records,*' *Vol. I., p.* 106: '*Imperpetuum habeant et teneant mercatum . . . . imperpetuum quieti*'].

[1] As these claims, and those which immediately follow are stated, with but slight variations to suit the grammar, or for condensation, in the words of the charters on which they are based, it is thought unnecessary to print them *in extenso* here.

the same Burgesses and their predecessors have always hitherto from the making of the Charters aforesaid, used and enjoyed without interruption the liberties, profits, and privileges aforesaid.

And the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses, by their attorney aforesaid, claim to have for ever (in addition to a fair lasting for eight days at the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle), one other fair in the same town every year to endure for fifteen days, that is to say, on the eve, the day, and the morrow of the feast of Saint Edmund the King and Martyr, and for twelve days following, with all liberties and free customs to such a fair pertaining.

And for a title to the fairs aforesaid, etc. [*Charter of* 12*th February*, 1283-4, *of Edward I. adduced, etc., but ascribed by mistake to Edward II., who, however, confirmed it by his Charter of March* 16*th*, 1313-14; *see 'Records,' Vol. I., p.* 59, *lines* 16-22].

And they claim that none of them shall plead or be impleaded before the said Lord King, etc. [*Claim not to plead out of the Borough concerning lands, etc., in the same, unless the actions concern the Crown or the Community of the Borough; and not to be joined with foreigners in assizes, juries, etc., and that foreigners shall not be joined with them in assizes, juries, etc., concerning lands or suits in the Borough; also that no royal officer shall enter the Borough to execute writs, etc., except in default of the Burgesses. Immunity from murage, pavage, stallage, and other imposts also claimed*[1]].

And for a title, etc. [*Charter of Edward II. of* 16*th March*, 1313-14, *adduced, etc.; see 'Records,' Vol. I., pp.* 79-81. *'Moreover, desiring to do a more ample favour . . . . throughout our whole kingdom and our whole dominion for ever'*].

And the aforesaid claimants, by their attorney aforesaid, further claim to have the return of all writs, etc. [*as in Third Charter of Henry III., April* 14*th*, 1272; *see 'Records,' Vol. I., p.* 53: *'We have also granted to the same Burgesses that they shall have for ever the return of our writs . . . . our borough of Nottingham'*]; and to have a gaol, etc. [*as in Charter of Edward III., May* 1*st*, 1330; *see 'Records,' Vol. I., p.* 105: *'shall have for ever the aforesaid gaol . . . . from whatever cause'*]. Moreover, they claim to have and hold in the same borough, etc.; [*claim to have Saturday Market, and acquittance of pontage, as in Charter of Edward III., May* 1*st*, 1330; *see 'Records,' Vol. I., p.* 107: *'may have and hold for ever the market . . . . throughout our whole kingdom and dominion'*].

Et pro titulo, etc. [*Charter of John adduced, etc., and that of Richard II., as confirming it. The first, however, does not make any of the grants in the terms of the claim; the last recites and confirms the Charter of Edward III.*].

Ac etiam iidem clamantes per attornatum suum praedictum clamant sibi et successoribus habere, etc. [*Claim to have cognizance of all pleas relating to lands, etc., in the Borough, trespasses, etc.; and of pleas of assize of tenures in the Borough; claim, moreover, to have the chattels of felons and fugitives from tenants and residents within the liberty of the town of Nottingham; and all fines and amercements, year day and waste, and other forfeitures, forfeited before any Judges whatsoever; also the return of all writs, licence to approve themselves of all purprestures and wastes, power to hear and determine all pleas pertaining to Justices of the Peace, of Labourers and Artizans (though not to determine any felony without royal licence), to have all profits from above jurisdiction, and that no arrays of men can be made without the Mayor being joined in the commission; see Charter of Henry IV., November* 18*th*, 1399, '*Records*,' *Vol. II., pp.* 2-10: '*Nos insuper, volentes . . . . in eadem villa fiat quoque modo*].

Et pro titulo, etc. [*Charter of Henry V. adduced, etc., which merely confirms the above grants made by his father*].

Et ulterius, iidem Major et Burgenses per attornatum suum praedictum dicunt quod villa de Nottingham de Majore et Burgensibus est corporata, etc. [*Claim to have perpetual succession, and to prosecute and defend by that name all pleas, suits, actions, etc., and acquire lands, tenements, etc.; that the Borough was erected into a County, the King's Hall being excepted*; *claim to elect two Sheriffs; that the Mayor should be Escheator within the Borough, and the Sheriffs hold their County Courts monthly; claim to hold a Court in the Guild Hall before the Mayor and Sheriffs, with certain definite powers, and to have all the profits of such Court; claim chattels of felons and outlaws, disavowed chattels of felones de se and deodands, all amercements, ransoms, forfeited issues, and fines from the inhabitants of the borough; all fines, etc., from the sureties of any person dwelling within the borough, in whatsoever royal court they may be forfeited; and to have power to levy and receive all such fines, etc.; also to elect from themselves seven Aldermen, such Aldermen to be Justices of the Peace within the borough, etc., and to have all fines arising from such Justiceship, forfeited victuals, etc.; see Charter of Henry VI., June* 28*th*, 1448, '*Records*,'

And for a title, etc. [*Charter of John adduced, etc., and that of Richard II., as confirming it. The first, however, does not make any of the grants in the terms of the claim; the last recites and confirms the Charter of Edward III.*].

And the same claimants by their attorney aforesaid also claim for themselves and their successors to have, etc. [*Claim to have cognizance of all pleas relating to lands, etc., in the Borough, trespasses, etc.; and of pleas of assize of tenures in the Borough; claim, moreover, to have the chattels of felons and fugitives from tenants and residents within the liberty of the town of Nottingham; and all fines and amercements, year day and waste, and other forfeitures, forfeited before any Judges whatsoever; also the return of all writs, licence to approve themselves of all purprestures and wastes, power to hear and determine all pleas pertaining to Justices of the Peace, of Labourers and Artizans (though not to determine any felony without royal licence), to have all profits from above jurisdiction, and that no arrays of men can be made without the Mayor being joined in the commission; see Charter of Henry IV., November* 18*th*, 1399, '*Records*,' *Vol. II., pp.* 3-11: '*We, moreover, wishing . . . . shall be made in any wise in the same town*'].

And for a title, etc. [*Charter of Henry V. adduced, etc., which merely confirms the above grants made by his father*].

And furthermore, the same Mayor and Burgesses by their attorney aforesaid, say that the town of Nottingham is incorporated of a Mayor and Burgesses, etc. [*Claim to have perpetual succession, and to prosecute and defend by that name all pleas, suits, actions, etc., and acquire lands, tenements, etc.; that the Borough was erected into a County, the King's Hall being excepted; claim to elect two Sheriffs; that the Mayor should be Escheator within the Borough, and the Sheriffs hold their County Courts monthly; claim to hold a Court in the Guild Hall before the Mayor and Sheriffs, with certain definite powers, and to have all the profits of such Court; claim chattels of felons and outlaws, disavowed chattels of felones de se and deodands, all amercements, ransoms, forfeited issues, and fines from the inhabitants of the borough; all fines, etc., from the sureties of any person dwelling within the borough, in whatsoever royal court they may be forfeited; and to have power to levy and receive all such fines, etc.; also to elect from themselves seven Aldermen, such Aldermen to be Justices of the Peace within the borough, etc., and to have all fines arising from such Justiceship, forfeited victuals, etc.; see Charter of Henry VI., June* 28*th*,

Vol. II., pp. 188-202: '*Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia .... quae ad mercandisas non pertinent*'].

Et pro titulo, etc. [*The Charter of June 28th,* 1448, *adduced, etc., but erroneously attributed to Edward IV., who, however, subsequently, May* 1, 1462, *confirmed it.*]

Et iidem clamantes dicunt quod virtute Chartae praedictae, ac vigore diversarum aliarum Cartarum diversorum aliorum Regum et Reginarum Angliae, hic in Curia similiter prolatarum, ipsi et praedecessores sui semper hucusque, a confectione Cartarum praedictarum, sine interruptione, libertatibus et privilegiis ultimo clamatis usi et gavisi fuerunt.

Clamant denique iidem Major et Burgenses respective pro seipsis et successoribus suis, et eorum firmariis et tenentibus burgagiorum (cum pertinentiis), et aliarum terrarum et tenementorum infra praedictam villam Nottinghamiae, et praecincta et libertates ejusdem existentium, communam pasturae, omni tempore anni communicabili, pro omnibus averiis suis communicabilibus in et super burgagia, terras, et tenementa praedicta levantibus et cubantibus,[1] tanquam ad eadem respective spectantem et pertinentem, in et super quoddam vastum vocatum '*Nottingham Lings*,' alias '*Basford Lings*,' jacens et existens infra praecincta et libertates villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et, ratione vicinagii, in et super omnes alios locos communicabiles infra Forestam praedictam, secundum leges et assizas Forestae praedictae.

Et pro titulo ad communam pasturae praedictam habendam, iidem Major et Burgenses dicunt quod ipsi et omnes praedecessores sui, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, usi fuerunt et habere consueverunt dictam communam pasturae, omni anni tempore communicabili, pro omnibus averiis suis communicabilibus in et super burgagia, terras, et tenementa sua praedicta levantibus et cubantibus,[1] tanquam ad eadem respective spectantem et pertinentem, in et super praedictum vastum vocatum '*Nottingham Lings*,' alias '*Basford Lings*,' jacens et existens infra praecincta et libertates villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et, ratione vicinagii, in et super omnes alios locos communicabiles infra Forestam praedictam, secundum leges et assizas Forestae praedictae.

Quae omnia et singula, iidem Major et Burgenses parati sunt

[1] *levans et cubans* = French, *levans et couchant:* getting or rising up (to feed) and lying down (to sleep, etc.). See Glossary for explanation of these and other phrases used in this document.



1448, '*Records,*' *Vol. II., pp.* 189-203: '*And furthermore, of our more abundant grace . . . . that do not pertain to merchandise*'].

And for a title, etc. [*The Charter of June 28th,* 1448, *adduced, etc., but erroneously attributed to Edward IV., who, however, subsequently, May 1st,* 1462, *confirmed it.*]

And the same claimants say that by virtue of the Charter aforesaid, and by force of divers other Charters of divers other Kings and Queens of England, here in the Court likewise produced, they and their predecessors have always hitherto, since the making of the Charters aforesaid, used and enjoyed, without interruption, the liberties and privileges last claimed.

Finally, the same Mayor and Burgesses respectively claim for themselves and their successors, and for their farmers and tenants of the burgages (with appurtenances), and of other lands and tenements being within the aforesaid town of Nottingham, and the precincts and liberties of the same, common of pasture, in every commonable season of the year, for all their commonable cattle rising and lying down[1] in and upon the burgages, lands, and tenements aforesaid, as though to the same respectively belonging and appertaining, in and upon a certain waste called 'Nottingham Lings,' otherwise 'Basford Lings,' lying and being within the precincts and liberties of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and, by reason of neighbourhood, in and upon all other commonable places within the Forest aforesaid, according to the laws and assizes of the Forest aforesaid.

And for a title to have the common of pasture aforesaid, the same Mayor and Burgesses say that they and all their predecessors, from time whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist, have used and been accustomed to have the said common of pasture, in every commonable season of the year, for all their commonable cattle rising and lying down[1] in and upon their burgages, lands, and tenements aforesaid, as though to the same respectively belonging and appertaining, in and upon the aforesaid waste called 'Nottingham Lings,' otherwise 'Basford Lings,' lying and being within the precincts and liberties of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and, because of neighbourhood, in and upon all other commonable places within the Forest aforesaid, according to the laws and assizes of the Forest aforesaid.

All which and singular, the same Mayor and Burgesses are ready to verify, according as the Court shall determine. And they seek

verificare, prout Curia consideraverit. Et petunt judicium Curiae, et quod clamea sua praedicta allocentur.

Et quia satis liquet Curiae per litteras patentes praementionatas, ac per confirmationes et exemplificationes earundem hic ostentas[1] et lectas, quod iidem Major et Burgenses habuerunt et gavisi fuerunt libertates, proficua, privilegia et franchesias praedicta; et quoniam satis superque constat Curiae quod iidem Major et Burgenses, et praedecessores sui usi fuerunt, et a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, habere consueverunt dictam communam modo et forma prout in clameo eorum clamatur:

Consideratum est per Curiam quod praedicti Major et Burgenses et successores sui habeant et teneant omnia et singula franchesias, libertates, proficua et privilegia praedicta; et clamea praemissorum allocantur et adjudicantur.

Quae omnia et singula praemissa, ad requisitionem dictorum Majoris et Burgensium,[2] duximus exemplificanda per praesentes.

Teste dicto Willelmo, Marchione et modo Duce Newcastle, Justitiario nostro Forestae praedictae; et datum sub sigillo officii Forestae praedictae vicesimo octavo die Septembris, anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo, annoque Domini 1675.[3] 4689.

X.—*Charter of King Charles II.*[4]

1682, September 28.

Carta vill*ae* de Nottingham :—Rex, etc., om*n*ib*u*s ad quos, etc.

Cum villa n*ost*ra de Nottingham, in Com*itatu* ejusdem vill*ae*, est villa valde antiqua et populosa, et a tempore cujus contrar*ii* memoria hominu*m* non existit, fuit villa incorporata, et Major, Alderman*ni*, Vicecomites et Burgenses vill*ae* n*ostra*e de Nottingham pr*ae*dict*ae*, et pr*ae*decessores sui, divers*as* lib*er*tates, franches*ias*, privileg*ia*, immunitat*es*, et pr*ae*heminent*ias* h*ab*uerunt et tenuerunt et usi et gavisi

[1] *ostentas,*] 'osten*s*as,' MS.

[2] *Burgensium,*] 'Burgen'*is*,' MS.

[3] At the foot of the MS., in the left hand corner, is written :—*Examinatum per me Johannem Millington, Seneschallum Forestae praedictae, et concordat cum recordo.* [*Translation:* 'Examined by me, John Millington, Seneschal of the Forest aforesaid, and it agrees with the Record.'] A briefer exemplification dated August 30, 1675, of the Forestal Claims, as allowed in the reign of Henry the Eighth, is printed in Vol. iii., pp. 212-215.

[4] This charter, which was cancelled by that of William and Mary (October 19, 1692), is here printed from a copy on paper, the original having been, no doubt, destroyed when it was cancelled. "The charter," says Mr. Stevenson, "is badly constructed, and its grammar is occasionally

judgment of the Court, and that their claims aforesaid may be allowed.

And because it is sufficiently clear to the Court, by the letters patent before-mentioned, and by the confirmations and exemplifications of the same here shown and read, that the same Mayor and Burgesses have had and enjoyed the liberties, profits, privileges, and franchises aforesaid; and because it is abundantly evident to the Court that the same Mayor and Burgesses, and their predecessors, have used, and from time whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist, have been accustomed to have the said common in the manner and form as in their claim is claimed:

It is adjudged by the Court that the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses, and their successors, shall have and hold all and singular the franchises, liberties, profits and privileges aforesaid; and the claims of the premises are allowed and awarded.

All which and singular the premises, we have, at the request of the said Mayor and Burgesses, caused by these presents to be exemplified.

Witness the said William, Marquis and now Duke of Newcastle, our Justice of the Forest aforesaid; and given under the seal of office of the Forest aforesaid, on the twenty-eighth day of September, in the twenty-seventh year of our reign, and in the year of the Lord 1675.[3] 4689.

X.—*Charter of King Charles II.*[4]

1682, September 28.

Charter of the town of Nottingham: The King, etc., to all to whom, etc.

Whereas our town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town, is a town exceedingly ancient and populous, and was from time whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist, an incorporated town, and the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Burgesses of our town of Nottingham aforesaid, and their predecessors, had and held and used and enjoyed divers liberties, franchises, privileges,

very much at fault" See note to charter in the printed volume of Charters, pp. 86-7. The charter is there stated to have been printed from 'the enrolment on the patent rolls.' There are some variations from the paper copy, which have been duly noted.

Most of Mr. Stevenson's annotations and emendations are here reproduced. As an example of the numerous contractions in the Latin documents, the letters omitted in the MS. of this charter are here printed in italics.

fuerunt, tam per chartas diversorum progenitorum et praedecessorum nostrorum, nuper Regum et Reginarum Angliae, eis praeantea factas et concessas et confirmatas quam ratione diversarum praescriptionum et consuetudinum in eadem villa, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, usitatarum; cumque nos informati sumus quod quaedam ambiguitates in quamplurimis chartis et literis patentibus eis praeantea factis existunt, ratione quod nonnulla in eisdem contenta non plene expressa nec verbis satis idoneis concessa fuerunt pro bono regimine, gubernatione, et commodo villae praedictae, secundum veram intentionem earundem chartarum seu literarum patentium; cumque dilecti subditi nostri Major et Burgenses villae de Nottingham praedictae nobis sursum reddiderunt literas patentes et chartas praedictas, ac omnia libertates et privilegia sua quaecunque,—quam quidem sursum redditionem acceptavimus, ac per praesentes acceptamus,—et humiliter supplicaverunt, quod nos omnes et singulas libertates, privilegia, immunitates et concessiones omnium progenitorum et antecessorum nostrorum eisdem Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae de Nottingham, aut praedecessoribus suis, per aliquod nomen sive aliquae nomina incorporationis facta seu concessa, de novo concedere dignaremur cum additione augmentationum, alterationum, et explicationum quarundam libertatum, concessionum, privilegiorum, et franchesiarum prout nobis melius videbitur pro bono publico et communi utilitate ejusdem villae:

Sciatis igitur, quod nos augmentationem et emendationem villae praedictae, necnon bonum statum et gubernationem ejusdem, ut praefertur, affectantes, et volentes quod de cetero imperpetuum in eadem villa et praecinctibus ejusdem continuo habeatur unus certus et indubitatus modus et forma de et pro custodia Pacis et bono regimine et gubernatione populi ibidem, et quod villa praedicta de cetero imperpetuum sit et permaneat villa pacis et quietis, ad terrorem malorum, et praemium bonorum, et quod pax nostra ceteraque facta justitiae ibidem absque ulteriori dilatione observentur; de gratia nostra speciali et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, voluimus, ordinavimus, constituimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, volumus, ordinamus, constituimus, declaramus et concedimus, quod dicta villa de cetero sit et erit libera villa de se; et quod Burgenses dictae villae de Nottingham per quodcunque nomen antehac incorporati fuerunt, et successores sui, de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt[1] vigore praesentium, unum

immunities, and pre-eminences, as well by the charters of divers our progenitors and predecessors, late Kings and Queens of England, heretofore made and granted and confirmed to them, as by reason of divers prescriptions and customs used in the same town from time whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist; and whereas we are informed that certain ambiguities exist in many of the charters and letters patent heretofore made to them, by reason that some things contained in the same were not fully expressed, nor granted in words sufficiently ample for the good rule, government, and convenience of the town aforesaid, according to the true intent of the same charters or letters patent; and whereas our well beloved subjects, the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, have surrendered to us the letters patent and charters aforesaid, and all their liberties and privileges whatsoever,—which surrender we have accepted, and do by these presents accept,—and have humbly besought that we would deign to grant anew all and singular the liberties, privileges, immunities and grants of all our progenitors and ancestors made or granted to the same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, or to their predecessors, by any name or any names of incorporation, with the addition of augmentations, alterations and explanations of certain liberties, grants, privileges and franchises as shall seem best to us for the public good and the common utility of the same town:

Know ye, therefore, that we, affecting the augmentation and emendation of the town aforesaid, as also the good estate and government of the same, as is aforesaid, and desiring that there may always be in the same town and the precincts of the same henceforth for ever a certain and undoubted manner and form of and for the keeping of the Peace, and the good rule and government of the people there, and that the town aforesaid henceforth for ever may be and remain a town of peace and quiet, to the terror of the evil and the reward of the good, and that our peace and the other deeds of justice may be there observed without further delay; have of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, willed, ordained, constituted, and granted, and by these presents do for us, our heirs and successors, will, ordain, constitute, declare, and grant that the said town may and shall be henceforth a free town of itself; and that the Burgesses of the said town of Nottingham by what-

[1] *erunt,*] 'erint,' MS. So in other cases.



corpus corporatum et politicum in re, facto et nomine per nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum, et Burgensium villae de Nottingham, in Comitatu ejusdem villae,' ac eos per nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum, et Burgensium villae de Nottingham in Comitatu ejusdem villae,' in unum corpus corporatum et politicum in re, facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, erigimus, facimus, ordinamus, constituimus, confirmamus, et declaramus per praesentes; et quod per idem nomen habeant successionem perpetuam; et quod ipsi per nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum, et Burgensium villae de Nottingham in Comitatu ejusdem villae' sint et erunt[1] perpetuis futuris temporibus personae habiles et in lege capaces ad habenda, perquirenda, recipienda et possidenda terras, tenementa, libertates, privilegia, jurisdictiones, franchesias, et hereditamenta, cujuscunque generis, naturae, vel speciei fuerint, necnon ad danda, concedenda, dimittenda et assignanda terras, tenementa et hereditamenta, bona et catalla, ac omnia et singula facta et res facienda et exequenda per nomen praedictum; et quod per idem nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae de Nottingham in Comitatu ejusdem villae,' placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere et defendi valeant et possint in quibuscunque curiis, placeis, et locis et coram quibuscunque judicibus et justitiariis ac aliis personis et officiariis nostris, ac heredum et successorum nostrorum, in omnibus sectis, querelis, placitis, causis, materiis et demandis realibus, personalibus, et mixtis, et aliis quibuscunque, tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus, cujuscunque sint generis, naturae, seu speciei, eisdem modo et forma prout alii ligei nostri hujus regni nostri Angliae personae habiles et in lege capaces placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere et defendi, ac habere, perquirere, recipere, possidere, dare, concedere et dimittere valeant et possint; et quod iidem Major, Aldermanni, et Burgenses villae de Nottingham praedictae, et successores sui, habeant imperpetuum commune sigillum pro causis et negotiis suis et successorum suorum quibuscunque agendis deserviturum; et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus, et successoribus suis, sigillum illud ad libitum suum de tempore in tempus frangere, mutare, et de novo facere, prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur.

Et ulterius volumus, et per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et

[1] *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.

soever name they were heretofore incorporated, and their successors, henceforth for ever may and shall be, by the force of these presents, a body corporate and politic in substance, deed, and name by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town,' and them into one body corporate and politic in substance, deed and name really and in full by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town,' we do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, erect, make, ordain, constitute, confirm, and declare; and that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession; and that they by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town,' may and shall be at all future times persons able and capable in law to have, acquire, receive and possess lands, tenements, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises and hereditaments, of whatsoever sort, nature, or kind they may be, as well as to give, grant, demise, and assign lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods and chattels, and to do and execute all and singular things and deeds by the name aforesaid; and that by the same name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town,' they may and shall be able to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in whatsoever courts and places, and before whatsoever judges and justices and other persons and officers of us, and our heirs and successors, in all suits, plaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands real, personal, and mixed, and in others whatsoever, as well spiritual as temporal, of whatsoever sort, nature, or kind they may be, in the same manner and form as other our lieges of this our realm of England, persons able and capable in the law, are capable and able to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, and have, acquire, receive, possess, give, grant, and demise; and that the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and their successors, shall have for ever a common seal to serve for fulfilling the causes and affairs whatsoever of them and their successors; and that it may and shall be lawful for the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and their successors, to break, change, and make anew that seal from time to time at their pleasure, as shall seem to them best to be and to be done.

And moreover we will, and do by these presents for us, our heirs

successoribus nostris, concedimus et ordinamus, quod de cetero imperpetuum sit et erit infra villam praedictam unus de magis probioribus et discretioribus Burgensibus villae praedictae, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendus, qui erit et nominabitur 'Major' villae praedictae; quodque similiter sint et erunt[1] infra villam praedictam de tempore in tempus sex Burgenses villae praedictae et continuo inhabitantes et commorantes infra villam praedictam, praeter Majorem villae praedictae, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendi, qui erunt[1] et nominabuntur 'Aldermanni' villae praedictae; quodque similiter de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt[1] infra villam praedictam de tempore in tempus octodecim[2] Burgenses villae praedictae, ac continuo inhabitantes et commorantes infra eandem villam, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendi, qui erunt et nominabuntur 'Capitales Consiliarii[3] villae praedictae; quodque similiter de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt[1] infra villam praedictam de tempore in tempus sex alii Burgenses villae praedictae ac continuo inhabitantes et commorantes infra eandem villam, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendi, qui erunt et nominabuntur 'Consiliarii' villae praedictae: qui quidem Major, Aldermanni, octodecim Capitales Consiliarii et praedicti sex Consiliarii, et successores sui, erunt et vocabuntur de cetero imperpetuum 'Commune Consilium' villae praedictae.

Et ulterius volumus ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concedimus quod de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt in villa praedicta duo viri discreti et honesti, in forma in praesentibus inferius specificata eligendi et nominandi, qui erunt et vocabuntur 'Camerarii'. villae praedictae: qui quidem Camerarii omnia et omnimoda reditus, summas monetae, fines, amerciamenta, reventiones, proficua, commoditates, et emolumenta quaecunque ad Majorem, Aldermannos, et Burgenses villae praedictae, et successores suos, jure villae praedictae quoquo modo spectantia sive pertinentia valeant et possint de tempore in tempus colligere et recipere, et pro eisdem in lege postulare et recupare in nomine et ad usum dictorum Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae praedictae, et in camera villae praedictae conservare ad usum

[1] *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.

[2] *octodecim*,] 'octodecem,' MS.

[3] Consiliarii for Conciliarii. So throughout. The substitution of s for c is by no means unusual. See, for instance, senam for cenam, *Records*, Vol. III., p. 32.

and successors, grant and ordain that henceforth for ever there may and shall be within the town aforesaid one of the most approved and discreet Burgesses of the town aforesaid, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'the Mayor' of the town aforesaid; and that likewise there may and shall be within the town aforesaid from time to time six Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and continually residing and dwelling within the town aforesaid, besides the Mayor of the town aforesaid, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'Aldermen' of the town aforesaid; and that likewise henceforth for ever there may and shall be within the town aforesaid from time to time eighteen Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and continually resident and dwelling within the same town, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'the Chief Councillors' of the town aforesaid; and that likewise henceforth for ever there may and shall be within the town aforesaid from time to time six other Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and continually inhabiting and dwelling within the same town, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'Councillors' of the town aforesaid: which Mayor, Aldermen, eighteen Chief Councillors and the aforesaid six Councillors, and their successors, shall be and shall be called henceforth for ever 'the Common Council' of the town aforesaid.

And moreover we will, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that henceforth for ever there may and shall be in the town aforesaid two discreet and honest men, to be elected and nominated in the form specified below in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'the Chamberlains' of the town aforesaid: which Chamberlains may and shall be able to collect and receive all and all manner of rents, sums of money, fines, amercements, revenues, profits, commodities and emoluments whatsoever in any wise belonging or pertaining to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, in right of the town aforesaid, and to sue in law and recover for the same in the name and for the use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to keep the same in the chamber of the town aforesaid for the use of the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of that town, and to dispose of

praedictorum Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae illius, ac illa sic recepta et conservata ad mandatum et appunctuationem Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae illius pro tempore existentium, vel majoris partis eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), disponere et assignare.

Et pro meliori executione voluntatis et concessionis nostrae in hac parte, assignavimus, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus et facimus dilectum nobis Gervasium Wylde, armigerum, fore et esse primum et modernum Majorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio a data praesentium usque ad festum Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli proximo futurum, et abinde quousque alius de Aldermannis villae praedictae ad officium Majoris villae illius, juxta ordinationem et provisionem in his praesentibus inferius expressam et specificatam, praefectus et juratus fuerit, si idem Gervasius Wylde tam diu vixerit.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod Major, Aldermanni, Capitales Consiliarii, et Consiliarii inferius mentionati, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum vel Camerariorum, inferius etiam mentionata, infra eandem villam tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt et subeunt, vel ad aliquod tempus praeantea gessissent et subiissent, sive major pars eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), de tempore in tempus, perpetuis futuris temporibus, potestatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt annuatim et quolibet anno imperpetuum, in festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli, eligendi et nominandi, et quod nominare et eligere possint et valeant, unum probum et discretum virum de Aldermannis villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, qui erit Major villae praedictae a festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli tunc proximo sequenti[1] pro uno anno integro extunc proximo sequenti praedictum festum Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli, et abinde quousque unus alius de Aldermannis villae praedictae ad officium illud electus sit et debito modo juratus fuerit; quodque ille [qui] sic, ut praefertur, nominatus et electus fuerit in officio Majoris villae praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur exequendum, sacramentum corporale in dicto festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli, coram Majore villae praedictae, vel

and assign them so received and kept at the command and appointment of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of that town for the time being, or of the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one).

And for the better execution of our will and grant in this behalf, we have assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and made, and by these presents do for us, our heirs and successors, assign, name, create, constitute, and make our beloved Gervase Wylde, esquire, to be the first and present Mayor of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same office from the date of these presents until the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next to come, and from then until another of the Aldermen of the town aforesaid be advanced and sworn to the office of Mayor of that town, according to the ordinance and provision below expressed and specified in these presents, if the same Gervase Wylde live so long.

And moreover we will, and by these presents do grant for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that the Mayor, Aldermen, Chief Councillors, and Councillors below mentioned, and so many of those Burgesses who bear and execute the offices of Sheriffs or Chamberlains, also mentioned below, within the same town at the time of such election, or have borne and executed them at any time previously, or the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one) may and shall have, from time to time, at all future times, power and authority to elect and nominate annually, and in every year for ever, in the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, and that they may and shall be able to name and elect, an approved and discreet man of the Aldermen of the town aforesaid for the time being, who shall be Mayor of the town aforesaid from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel then next following[1] for one whole year then next following the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, and from then until another of the Aldermen of the town aforesaid be elected and in due manner sworn to that office; and that he who shall thus be named and elected, as is aforesaid, to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, shall, before he be admitted to execute that office, first take his bodily

[1] 'This must be a mistake for "ab eodem festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli" (from the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel). According to the above wording, the Mayor would be elected a year before his term of office commenced; whereas he entered upon his office forthwith.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 95.

Deputato suo pro tempore existenti, ad officium illud recte, bene et fideliter in omnibus ad officium illo tangentibus exequendum, prius praestabit; et quod, post hujusmodi sacramentum sic praestitum, officium Majoris praedictum pro uno anno integro tunc proximo sequenti exequi valeat et possit, et abinde quousque unus alius de Aldermannis praedictis in officium Majoris electus et praefectus fuerit. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod si contigerit Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem sic aegritudine laborare quod necessaria negotia villae praedictae attendere non possit, aut villam praedictam pro aliqua causa rationabili egredi,[1] quod[2] tunc et toties de tempore in tempus liceat et licebit Majori villae praedictae pro tempore existenti, sic aegritudine laboranti aut pro aliqua causa rationabili absenti, eligere, deputare, et constituere quendam alium e sex Aldermannis praedictis fore et esse Deputatum Majorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio Deputati Majoris villae praedictae in absentia aut aegritudine Majoris villae praedictae pro tempore existentis; qui quidem Deputatus Major villae praedictae, sic, ut praefertur, deputandus et constituendus in Deputatum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem, omnia et singula, quae ad officium Majoris villae illius infra villam praedictam pertinent et pertinere debent facienda et exequenda, facere et exequi valeat et possit durante bene placito Majoris villae praedictae, in absentia vel aegritudine ejusdem Majoris pro tempore existentis, adeo plene, libere, et integre prout Major villae praedictae pro tempore existens, si praesens esset, facere et exequi valeat et possit; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. Et volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod si contigerit Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem, aliquo tempore infra unum annum postquam ad officium Majoris villae praedictae sic, ut praefertur, nominatus, electus, praefectus, et juratus fuerit, obire, aut ab officio illo amoveri, quod tunc et

[1] 'This seems to be intended for *ingredi*, "enter."' Note to 'Charters,' p. 96. But may not the construction be '*si contigerit Majorem, etc., villam praedictam pro aliqua causa rationabili egredi?*' ('If the Mayor shall happen to go out of the town aforesaid for any reasonable cause.') This corresponds with the subsequent '*pro*



oath in the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, before the Mayor of the town aforesaid, or his Deputy for the time being, to execute everything pertaining to that office rightly, well, and faithfully; and that, after he has taken such oath, he may and shall be able to execute the office of Mayor aforesaid for one whole year then next following, and from then until another one of the Aldermen aforesaid be elected and advanced to the office of Mayor. And furthermore we will, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that if it shall befall the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, so to be afflicted with illness that he shall not be able to attend to the necessary affairs of the aforesaid town, or to go out of[1] the town aforesaid for any reasonable cause, then and as many times from time to time it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, so suffering from illness or being absent for any reasonable cause, to elect, depute, and appoint one other of the six Aldermen aforesaid to be the Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same office of Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid in the absence or illness of the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being; which Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid thus, as is aforesaid, to be deputed and appointed Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, may and shall be able to do and execute all and singular the things that pertain and ought to pertain to be done and executed to the office of Mayor of that town, within the town aforesaid, during the pleasure of the Mayor of the town aforesaid in the absence or illness of the same Mayor for the time being, as fully, freely, and wholly as the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being might and should be able to do and execute them if he were present; and thus as often as the case shall so happen. And we will, and do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, grant to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that if it chance the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to die or be removed from that office at any time within one year after he have been thus nominated, elected, advanced, and sworn to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, as is aforesaid,

aliqua causa rationabili absenti' ('being absent for any reasonable cause').

[2] 'A redundant *quod* occurs in the MS. here, and in the similar passages below.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 96.

toties bene liceat et licebit Aldermannis, Capitalibus Consiliariis, Consiliariis, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum vel Camerariorum infra eandem villam tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt vel subeunt, vel ad aliquod tempus praeantea gessissent et subiissent, vel majori parti eorundem, convenire et assemblare in communi loco vocato 'Guihald,' aut alio loco convenienti, infra villam praedictam, infra duodecim dies proximo post notitiam mortis aut amotionis dicti Majoris, et ibidem unum alium de Aldermannis villae praedictae in officium Majoris villae praedictae nominare, eligere, et praeficere, secundum ordinationem et provisionem superius in praesentibus declaratas; et quod ille sic eligendus et praeficiendus in officium Majoris villae praedictae, officium illud habeat et exerceat durante residuo ejusdem anni, sacramento corporali in forma praedicta prius praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus, et facimus dilectos nobis Radulphum Edge, Christopherum Hall, Johannem Parker, Gervasium Rippon, Willelmum Toplady, et Willelmum Petty, generosos, fore et esse modernos Aldermannos villae praedictae, continuandos in eisdem officiis durantibus vitis suis naturalibus, nisi interim pro mala gubernatione sive male se gerendo in ea parte, aut pro aliqua [alia] causa rationabili, ab officiis illis amoti erunt, aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui amoti erunt vel amotus erit. Et ulterius volumus quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de praedictis Aldermannis villae praedictae, sive successoribus suis, de tempore in tempus obire, aut ab officiis suis Aldermannorum villae praedictae amoveri,—quos quidem Aldermannos villae praedictae, seu eorum aliquem, vel aliquos, se non bene gerentes in officiis illis amobiles esse volumus ad bene placitum Majoris et residuorum Aldermannorum, Capitalium Consiliariorum, et sex Consiliariorum villae praedictae, vel majoris partis eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus),—quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praedictis Majori, residuis Aldermannorum, Capitalibus Consiliariis, Consiliariis, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum vel Camerariorum infra eandem villam tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt et subeunt, vel ad aliquod tempus praeantea gessissent et subiissent, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium, vel pluros

then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, and so many of those Burgesses as bear or execute the offices of Sheriffs or Chamberlains within the same town, at the time of such election, or as have borne or executed them at any time previously, or for the major part of the same, to convene and assemble in the common place called 'Guild Hall,' or in any other convenient place, within the town aforesaid, within twelve days next after notice of the death or amoval of the said Mayor, and there to name, elect, and advance one other of the Aldermen of the town aforesaid to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, according to the ordinance and provision above declared in these presents; and that he so to be elected and advanced to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid shall have and exercise that office during the remainder of the same year, having previously taken his bodily oath in form aforesaid: and so as often as the case shall so happen.

We have also assigned, named, created, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, name, create, constitute, and make our beloved Ralph Edge, Christopher Hall, John Parker, Gervase Rippon, William Toplady, and William Petty, gentlemen, to be the present Aldermen of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same offices during their natural lives, unless in the meantime they be amoved, or any one or more of them be amoved from those offices for their bad government or misconduct in that behalf, or for any [other] reasonable cause. And moreover we will, that whenever it shall happen from time to time that any one or more of the aforesaid Aldermen of the town aforesaid, or of their successors, shall die, or be amoved from their offices of Aldermen of the town aforesaid—which Aldermen of the town aforesaid, or any one or more of them, not conducting themselves well in their offices, we will shall be amovable at the pleasure of the Mayor and the rest of the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, and six Councillors of the town aforesaid, or of the greater part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one)—then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen, the Chief Councillors, Councillors, and so many of those Burgesses as bear and execute the offices of Sheriffs or Chamberlains within the same town at the time of such election, or as have at any time previously borne and executed such office, or for the greater part of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the time

alios, de Capitalibus Consiliariis villae praedictae in his praesentibus postea nominatis in loco, sive locis, ipsius, vel ipsorum, Aldermanni, vel Aldermannorum, villae praedictae, sic mori vel amoveri contingentium, eligere, nominare, et praeficere, ad supplendum praedictum numerum sex Aldermannorum villae praedictae; quodque ille sive illi, sic ut praefertur, ad officium Aldermanni vel Aldermannorum villae praedictae electus et praefectus, electi et praefecti, erit et erunt de numero praedictorum sex Aldermannorum villae praedictae; et hoc de tempore in tempus toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus, et facimus dilectos nobis Edmundum Mabot, Willelmum Mabot, Robertum Coulson, Hugonem Walker, Willelmum Hardy, Vincentium Beverley, Carolum Chadwick, Willelmum Unwin, Francum Sulley, Robertum Peach, Samuelem Hooke, Stephanum Broome, Edwardum Wilkinson, Jacobum Villiers, Robertum Worthley, Willelmum Woolhouse, Johannem Malyn, et Johannem Whitby fore et esse modernos Capitales Consiliarios villae praedictae, continuandos in eisdem officiis durantibus vitis suis naturalibus respective, nisi interim pro mala[1] gubernatione sive male se gerendo in officiis suis praedictis, aut pro aliqua alia causa rationabili, amoti fuerint, aut eorum aliqui, vel aliquis, amotus erit, vel amoti erunt. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis imperpetuum, quod, quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Capitalibus Consiliariis villae praedictae, seu aliquos successorum suorum, obire, aut ab officiis suis Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae amoveri,—quos quidem Capitales Consiliarios villae praedictae pro tempore existentes, vel successores suos, sive eorum aliquem, vel aliquos, se non bene gerentem, aut gerentes, in officiis illis amobiles esse volumus ad bene placitum Majoris, Aldermannorum et Communium[2] Consiliariorum villae praedictae pro tempore existentium, vel majoris partis eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus),—quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, et successoribus suis, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium, vel plures, de Burgensibus

being to be one), to elect, nominate, and advance one other or others of the Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid named hereafter in these presents in the place or places of such Alderman, or Aldermen, of the town aforesaid so happening to die or be amoved, to make up the aforesaid number of six Aldermen of the town aforesaid; and that he or they thus, as is beforesaid, elected and advanced to the office of Alderman, or Aldermen, of the town aforesaid, shall be of the number of the aforesaid six Aldermen of the town aforesaid; and this from time to time as often as the case shall so happen.

We have also assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, create, constitute, and make our beloved Edmund Mabot, William Mabot, Robert Coulson, Hugh Walker, William Hardy, Vincent Beverley, Charles Chadwick, William Unwin, Frank Sulley, Robert Peach, Samuel Hooke, Stephen Broome, Edward Wilkinson, James Villiers, Robert Worthley, William Woolhouse, John Malin and John Whitby to be the present Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, to respectively continue in the same offices during their natural lives, unless in the meantime they, or any or anyone of them be amoved for bad government or misconduct in their aforesaid offices, or for any other reasonable cause. And moreover we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, that whensoever it shall befall any one or more of the Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, or any of their successors, to die, or be amoved from their offices of Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid,—which Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid for the time being, or their successors, or any one or more of them not well behaving himself, or themselves, in those offices, we will shall be amovable at the pleasure of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councillors of the town aforesaid for the time being, or of the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one),—then and as often it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being and for their successors, or for the greater part of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), to elect, nominate, and advance

[1] *mala,*] 'male,' MS.

[2] *Communium,*] 'Communis,' MS.

vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* in loco, sive locis, ip*s*ius, vel ip*s*or*um* Capital*ium* Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* sic mori vel amoveri contingen*tium*, eligere, nominare, et pr*ae*ficere, ad supplend*um* pr*ae*dict*um* numer*um* octodecim Capital*ium* Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*; q*uo*dq*ue* ille, sive illi, sic ut pr*ae*fert*ur* ad offic*ium* Capital*is* Consiliar*ii* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* elect*us* et pr*ae*fect*us*, aut electi et pr*ae*fecti, erit et erunt de numero octodecim Capital*ium* Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*; et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavim*us*, creavim*us*, constituim*us*, et fecim*us*, ac p*er* pr*ae*sentes p*ro* nob*is*, heredib*us* et successorib*us* n*ost*ris, assignam*us*, nominam*us*, creamus, constituimus et facimus dilect*os* nobis Will*elm*um Jackson, Thomam Lee, Joh*ann*em Unwin, Ric*ard*um[1] Wright, Henricu*m* Hardy et Joh*ann*em Shipman fore et esse modernos consiliarios vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*, continuand*os* in eisdem officiis duran*tibus* vitis suis natural*ibus* respective, nisi interim p*ro* mala gub*er*nat*i*one sive male se gerend*o* in offic*iis* suis pr*ae*dict*is*, aut pro aliqua al*ia* causa rat*i*onabili amot*i* fuerint, aut eor*um* aliqui, vel aliquis, amoti erunt,[2] vel amotus erit. Et ult*e*rius volumus, ac per pr*ae*sentes p*ro* nobis, heredib*us* et successorib*us* n*ost*ris, concedim*us* pr*ae*fat*is* Majori, Ald*ermann*is et Burgensib*us* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*, et successorib*us* suis imp*er*p*etuu*m, q*uo*d quandocunq*ue* contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de dict*is* sex Consiliar*iis* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*, seu aliquos successor*um* suor*um*, obire, aut ab offic*iis* suis Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* amoveri,—quos quidem Conciliar*ios* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*[3] p*ro* tempore existent*es*, et successor*es* suos, sive eor*um* aliquem vel aliquos se non bene geren*tem* aut gerentes in offic*iis* ill*is* amobil*es* esse volumus,—q*uo*d tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit pr*ae*fat*is* Major*i*, Ald*ermann*is et Burgensib*us* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* pro tempore existen*tibus*, et successorib*us* suis, vel majori p*ar*ti eor*un*dem (quor*um* Major*em* p*ro* tempore existen*tem* unu*m* esse volumus), unu*m* aliu*m* vel plur*es*, de Burgensib*us* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* in loco sive locis ip*s*ius vel ip*s*or*um* Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* sic mori vel amoveri contingen*tium*, eligere, nominare et pr*ae*ficere ad supplend*um* numer*um* sex Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*; q*uo*dq*ue* ille, sive illi, sic, ut pr*ae*fert*ur*, ad offic*ia* Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* elect*us* et pr*ae*fect*us*, aut electi et pr*ae*fecti, erit et erunt de numero sex Consiliar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae*; et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

[1] 'Richum,' MS.

[2] *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.



one other, or more, of the Burgesses of the town aforesaid in the place, or places, of such Chief Councillor, or Councillors, of the town aforesaid so happening to die or be amoved, to make up the aforesaid number of eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid; and that he, or they, so, as is aforesaid, elected and advanced to the office of Chief Councillor of the town aforesaid, shall be of the number of the eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid; and this so often as the case shall so happen.

We have also assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, create, constitute, and make our beloved William Jackson, Thomas Lee, John Unwin, Richard Wright, Henry Hardy and John Shipman to be the present Councillors of the town aforesaid, to continue respectively in the same offices during their natural lives, unless they, or any or anyone of them, be amoved in the meantime for bad government or misconducting themselves in their aforesaid offices, or for any other reasonable cause. And moreover we will and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, that whenever it shall happen that any one or more of the said six Councillors of the town aforesaid, or any of their successors, shall die or be amoved from their offices of Councillors of the town aforesaid—which Councillors of the town aforesaid for the time being, and their successors, or any one or more of them not well behaving themselves in those offices we will shall be amovable,—then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, and their successors, or the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), to elect, nominate, and advance one other or more, of the Burgesses of the town aforesaid in the place, or places, of that, or those Councillors of the town aforesaid so happening to die or be amoved, to fill up the number of six Councillors of the town aforesaid; and that he, or they, so, as is beforesaid, elected and advanced to the offices of Councillors of the town aforesaid shall be of the number of the six Councillors of the town aforesaid; and this so often as the case shall so happen.

[3] The Roll here needlessly interlines *amoveri quos quidem Consiliarios villae praedictae.* Note to 'Charters,' p. 103.



Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus et facimus dilectos nobis Johannem Peake et Johannem Uthwayte fore et esse modernos Camerarios villae praedictae, continuandos in officiis Camerariorum usque ad festum Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli proximo sequens datum praesentium, et abinde quousque duo alii de sex Consiliariis, vel aliis Burgensibus villae praedictae non existentibus de numero octodecim Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae, in officia Camerariorum electi et praefecti fuerint; et ad verum compotum inde reddendum praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Communi Consilio villae praedictae; et hoc toties quoties eis expedire videbitur. Et quod de tempore in tempus, et ad omnia tempora post praedictam festum Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli, mortem vel amotionem praedictorum Johannis Peake et Johannis Uthwayte, vel alterius eorum, vel alicujus seu aliquorum successorum suorum, Major, Aldermanni et Commune[s] Consiliarii villae praedictae pro tempore existentes, vel major pars eorum (quorum Majorem ejusdem villae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium virum, vel duos viros discretos et honestos de praedictis sex Consiliariis vel Burgensibus villae praedictae non existentibus Capitalibus Consiliariis ejusdem villae, in Camerarios villae praedictae eligere, nominare, et praeficere valeant et possint; quodque ille, sive illi, qui in Camerarios villae praedictae sic, ut praefertur, electus praefectus, et nominatus fuerit, vel electi, praefecti, et nominati fuerint, officia illa Camerariorum villae praedictae exercere et gaudere valeant et possint, valeat et possit, pro uno anno integro extunc proximo sequenti, et abinde quousque unum alium, vel duo alii, ex sex Consiliariis vel aliis Burgensibus villae praedictae non existentibus de numero octodecim Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae, ad officia praedicta Camerariorum villae praedictae debito modo electi et praefecti fuerit vel fuerint; et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit: nisi interim pro mala gubernatione sive male se gerendo in ea parte, aut pro aliqua causa rationabili, ab officiis illis amoti erunt, aut eorum alter, amoti erunt vel amotus erit, per Majorem, Aldermannos et Commune Consilium villae praedictae, vel majorem partem eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus).

Et volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus

We have also assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, create, constitute, and make our beloved John Peake and John Uthwayte to be the present Chamberlains of the town aforesaid, to continue in the offices of Chamberlains until the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next following the date of these presents, and from then until two others of the six Councillors, or of the other Burgesses of the town aforesaid not being of the number of the eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, shall be elected and advanced to the offices of Chamberlains; and to render true account thereof to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the town aforesaid; and this as often as shall seem expedient to them. And that from time to time and at all times after the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, the death or amoval of the aforesaid John Peake and John Uthwayte, or of either of them, or of any one or more of their successors, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the town aforesaid for the time being, or the major part of them (of whom we will the Mayor of the same town for the time being to be one), may and shall be able to elect, nominate, and advance one other man, or two discreet and honest men of the aforesaid six Councillors, or of the Burgesses of the town aforesaid not being Chief Councillors of the same town, as Chamberlains of the town aforesaid; and that he, or they, who shall be thus, as is beforesaid, elected, advanced, and nominated as Chamberlains of the town aforesaid, may and shall be able to exercise and enjoy those offices of Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for one whole year then next following, and from then until one other, or two others, of the six Councillors or other Burgesses of the town aforesaid not being of the number of the eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, be in due manner elected and advanced to the aforesaid offices of Chamberlains of the town aforesaid; and this so many times as the case shall so happen: unless in the meantime they, or either of them, be amoved from their offices by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the town aforesaid, or the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), for their bad government or misconduct in this behalf, or for any other reasonable cause.

And we will, and by these presents do grant for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur-

villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod de cetero imperpetuum, ipsi et successores sui habeant et habebunt infra villam praedictam duos honestos et discretos viros qui erunt et vocabuntur 'Coronatores' villae praedictae, sicut antiquo habuerunt, et modo habent, qui erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus assistentes, consulentes, et auxiliantes Majori villae praedictae; et quod praedicti Coronatores villae praedictae pro tempore existentes facient omnia et singula infra villam praedictam, limites et praecinctus ejusdem, quae aliquis Coronator vel aliqui Coronatores virtute officii illius facere et exequi potuit aut debuit, possint aut debent, et non aliter. Et pro meliori executione voluntatis et concessionis nostrae in hac parte, assignamus, nominamus, constituimus et facimus dilectos nobis Robertum Worthley et Willelmum Woolhouse, generosos, fore et esse primos et modernos Coronatores villae praedictae durantibus vitis suis naturalibus, nisi interim illi, sive eorum alter, pro se male gerendo in officio illo amoti fuerint vel fuerit per Majorem et Commune Consilium villae praedictae pro tempore existentes. Et volumus, quod praedicti Robertus Worthley et Willelmus Woolhouse, et quique Coronatores villae praedictae imposterum eligendi, antequam ad officia Coronatorum praedictorum admittantur aut admittatur, sacramentum corporale super sacrosancta Dei Evangelia[1] coram Majore villae praedictae pro tempore existenti, ad omnia et singula, quae ad officium Coronatoris villae praedictae pertinent, recte, bene, et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia facienda et exequanda, praestabunt, et praestabit: cui quidem Majori villae praedictae pro tempore existenti hujusmodi sacramentum administrandi pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, authoritatem et potestatem concedimus per praesentes. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, et successoribus suis, quod de tempore in tempus, post mortem vel amotionem praedictorum Roberti Worthley et Willelmi Woolhouse, vel alterius eorum, bene liceat et licebit Majori, Aldermannis et Capitalibus Consiliariis, sex Consiliariis, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum et Camerariorum tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt et subeunt, aut praeantea gesserunt aut subierunt, vel majori parti eorum (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum virum, vel duos viros, in officia coronatorum villae praedictae eligere et praeficere,

[1] *evangelia,*] 'evangelii,' MS.

gesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that they and their successors may and shall have henceforth for ever within the town aforesaid two honest and discreet men who shall be and shall be called 'Coroners' of the town aforesaid, as they had of old, and now have, who shall be assisting, counselling, and helping to the Mayor of the town aforesaid in all times to come; and that the aforesaid Coroners of the town aforesaid for the time being shall do all and singular the things within the town aforesaid, the limits and precincts of the same, that any Coroner or any Coroners might or should have done and executed, or may and should do and execute by virtue of that office, and not otherwise. And for the better execution of our will and grant in this behalf, we assign, nominate, constitute, and make our beloved Robert Worthley and William Woolhouse, gentlemen, to be the first and present Coroners of the town aforesaid during their natural lives, unless they or either of them, be amoved in the meantime by the Mayor and Common Council of the town aforesaid for the time being for evil conduct in that office. And we will, that the aforesaid Robert Worthley and William Woolhouse, and every Coroner of the town aforesaid to be hereafter elected, shall, before he or they be admitted to the offices of Coroners aforesaid, take bodily oath on God's holy Gospels, before the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, rightly, well, and faithfully to do and execute in all things and through all things all and singular the things that pertain to the office of Coroner of the town aforesaid: to which Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being we grant for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, authority and power to administer such oath. And furthermore we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, and to their successors, that it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Councillors, six Councillors, and so many of the Burgesses as bear and execute the offices of Sheriffs and Chamberlains at the time of such election, or have borne and executed them at any time previously, or the majority of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), to elect and advance, from time to time, after the death or amoval of the aforesaid Robert Worthley and William Woolhouse, or of either of them, one man, or two men, to the offices of Coroners of the town aforesaid, to continue in the offices of the said Coroners during their natural lives, unless

continuandos in officiis dictorum Coronatorum durantibus vitis suis naturalibus, nisi pro se male gerendo in officiis illis amoti fuerint, ut praedictum est; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Et si aliquis imposterum sic electus in officium Majoris villae praedictae, aut in officio sive loco Aldermanni, Vicecomitis, Capitalis Consiliarii, [Consiliarii] vel Camerarii, aut in aliquod aliud officium sive locum infra villam praedictam, cui electio illa notificata erit, recusaverit accipere super se officium sive officia praedicta, aut jura-[mentum] et alia requisita in ea parte praestare et performare, sine causa rationabili, quod tunc et in quolibet tali casu bene liceat et licebit eisdem Majori, [et] Communi Consilio villae praedictae, vel majori parti eorundem pro tempore existentibus (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), de tempore in tempus taxare et imponere tales rationabiles fines super quamlibet[1] hujusmodi personam sic recusantem, quales eisdem Majori et Communi Consilio villae praedictae, aut majori parti eorundem, rationabiliter videbitur expediendi; et ad hujusmodi fines et fines sic de tempore in tempus taxatos et impositos per districtionem et venditionem bonorum et catallorum cujuslibet hujusmodi personae et personarum sic recusantium, aut per actionem debiti, seu alio legali modo quocumque, de tempore in tempus ad et pro usu et proficuo dictorum Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium ejusdem villae, levare, percipere, et detinere valeant et possint, sine molestatione sive impedimento nostri, heredum vel successorum nostrorum; et hoc absque aliquo compoto seu alia re quacunque nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris, proinde reddendo vel solvendo.

Et volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, pro tempore existentibus, et successoribus suis, quod ipsi, et successores sui, de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt in et pro villa praedicta unum virum praeclarum et discretum, in forma inferius in his praesentibus expressa [eligendum], qui erit et nominabitur 'Recordator' villae praedictae, ad omnia et singula agenda et exequenda quae ad officium Recordatoris in eadem villa, seu in aliqua alia villa sive loco incorporato,[2] pertinent.

Ac etiam, quod praedicti Major, Aldermanni et Burgenses villae praedictae, et successores sui, de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt in villa praedicta unum alium virum in legibus Angliae erud-

[1] *quamlibet,*] 'quemlibet,' MS. [2] *incorporato,*] 'incorporeat.,' MS.

they be amoved for misconducting themselves in those offices, as is beforesaid; and so as often as the case shall so happen.

And if any one hereafter so elected to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, or to the office or place of an Alderman, Sheriff, Chief Councillor, [Councillor], or Chamberlain, or to any other office, or place within the town aforesaid, to whom that election shall have been notified, shall refuse, without reasonable cause, to take upon himself the office or offices aforesaid, or to take and perform the oath and other requisites in that behalf, that then and in every such case it may and shall be lawful for the same Mayor, Common Council of the town aforesaid, or the major part of them for the time being (of whom we will that the Mayor for the time being shall be one), to tax and impose from time to time such reasonable fines upon each such person so refusing, as shall reasonably appear to be expedient to the same Mayor and Common Council of the town aforesaid, or to the greater part of the same; and that they may be able to levy, receive, and retain such fines and fines so from time to time taxed and imposed by distraint and sale of the goods and chattels of every such person and persons so refusing, or by action of debt, or in any other legal manner whatsoever, from time to time, to and for the use and profit of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the same town, without molestation or impediment from us, our heirs or successors; and this without rendering or paying therefor to us, our heirs or successors, any account or anything else whatsoever.

And we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, and to their successors, that they and their successors, may and shall have henceforth for ever in and for the town aforesaid one distinguished and discreet man, [to be elected] in the form below expressed in these presents, who shall be and shall be designated 'the Recorder' of the town aforesaid, to do and execute all and singular the things that pertain to the office of Recorder in the same town, or in any other town or place incorporated.

And also that the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, may and shall have henceforth for ever in the town aforesaid, one other man learned in the laws of England, to be nominated and elected in the form below

itum, in forma inferius in his praesentibus [expressa] nominandum et eligendum, qui erit et vocabitur 'Communis Clericus' villae praedictae, ad facienda et exequenda omnia et singula recognitiones captas, recognitas, et recognoscendas coram Majore et aliis Justitiariis Pacis villae praedictae, in praesentia praedictorum Majoris et Justitiariorum, et easdem sic captas et recognitas transcribere et in pergamenam redigere, et ad scribendas et intrandas omnes indenturas apprenticiae, et querelas, placita, actiones, ac alia originalia et judicialia brevia et processus quaecunque, et judicia et considerationes superinde, in Curia de Recordo infra villam praedictam, libertates, bundas, et praecinctus ejusdem, et ad ea omnia exequenda ad onus et officium suum designanda, et quae aliquis Communis Clericus infra eandem villam, seu aliquam aliam villam vel burgum incorporatum infra regnum nostrum Angliae, virtute officii illius, exequi possit et valeat; quodque dictus Communis Clericus omnia et singula feoda, regarda, et proficua pro scriptione et intratione praedictis, ac omnia alia feoda et proficua quae ad locum Communis Clerici praedicti [pertinent] habeat et percipiat.[1]

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, constituimus et facimus perquam fidelem et perquam sincere dilectum consanguineum et Consiliarium nostrum Henricum, Ducem de Novo Castro, in legibus hujus Regni nostri Angliae peritum, fore et esse modernum Recordatorem villae praedictae, ad omnia et singula agenda et exequenda, quae ad officium Recordatoris in eadem villa, vel in aliqua alia villa sive loco incorporato infra regnum nostrum Angliae pertinent, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum; quodque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, post mortem, amotionem vel sursum redditionem praedicti Henrici, Ducis de Novo Castro, bene liceat et licebit Majori, Aldermannis et Communi Consilio villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium virum discretum et in legibus Angliae peritum eligere et praeficere Recordatorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes declaramus quod bene liceat et licebit praedicto Henrico, Duci de Novo Castro, et Recordatori villae

[expressed] in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'the Common Clerk' of the town aforesaid, to do and execute all and singular the recognizances taken, recognized, and to be recognized before the Mayor and the other Justices of the Peace of the town aforesaid, in the presence of the aforesaid Mayor and Justices, and to transcribe and enter them on parchment when so taken and recognized, and to write and enter all indentures of apprenticeship, and plaints, pleas, actions, and other original and judicial writs and processes whatsoever, and judgments and decisions thereupon, in the Court of Record within the town aforesaid, the liberties, bounds, and precincts of the same, and to execute all those things to be designated for his charge and office, and that any Common Clerk may be able and competent to execute, by virtue of his office, within the same town or any other town or incorporated borough within our realm of England; and that the said Common Clerk shall have and receive all and singular the fees, rewards, and profits for the writing and entering aforesaid, and all other fees and profits that [pertain] to the office of the Common Clerk aforesaid.

We have also assigned, nominated, appointed and made, and do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, appoint, and make our very faithful and very truly beloved cousin and our Councillor Henry, Duke of Newcastle, versed in the laws of this our kingdom of England, to be the present Recorder of the town aforesaid, to do and execute all and singular the things that pertain to the office of Recorder in the same town, or in any other town or place incorporated within our kingdom of England, to continue in the same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and that it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the town aforesaid for the time being, or the greater part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), to elect and advance, from time to time and at all times, after the death, amoval, or surrender of the aforesaid Henry, Duke of Newcastle, one other man discreet and learned in the laws of England, to be Recorder of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and so as often as the case shall so happen. And moreover we will, and do by these presents declare, that it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Henry, Duke of Newcastle, and for the

[1] *prcipiat*, MS., usual abbreviation for praecipiat.



praedictae pro tempore existenti, habere, nominare, et facere aliquem alium sufficientem et discretum virum in legibus Angliae eruditum fore et esse Deputatum suum in officii Recordatoris villae praedictae; et quod hujusmodi Deputatus sic factus, nominatus et juratus, habeat et habebit plenam potestatem et authoritatem, in absentia Recordatoris, in omnibus et singulis officio Recordatoris illius spectantibus[1] sive pertinentibus, ad omnes intentiones et proposita quae Recordator villae praedictae pro tempore existens, virtute praesentium seu aliquarum aliarum literarum patentium progenitorum nostrorum in hac parte factarum, habet, aut habere et exercere possit et debet.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, constituimus, nominamus, et facimus dilectum nobis Radulphum Edge, armigerum, fore et esse modernum communem Clericum villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum; quodque liceat et licebit Majori et Aldermunnis villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, vel majori parti eorum (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, post mortem, amotionem vel sursum-redditionem praedicti Radulphi Edge, unum alium discretum et honestum virum in officium Communis Clerici pro et in éadem villa nominare, eligere, et praeficere, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum; et sic de tempore in tempus toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Volumus etiam, et intentionem regiam nostram declaramus, quod nullus Recordator vel Communis Clericus villae praedictae de cetero eligendus sive constituendus intromittat vel intromittant in hujusmodi officio vel officiis, sive eorum alterius respective, antequam approbatus fuerit, vel approbati fuerint, per nos, heredes vel successores nostros, aliquo in praesentibus contento, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacunque in contrarium inde in aliquo non obstantibus.

[2]Et insuper . . . . teneantur et habeantur [*as at page* 190, *Vol. II.*, '*Records*'].

Et quod . . . . eligantur [*as at pages* 190-192, *idem*].

Et quod Vicecomites praedicti in forma praedicta eligendi, statim post electionem . . . . mittentur [*as at page* 192, *idem*.]

[1] *spectantibus*,] 'spectand,' MS.

[2] 'Here the charter embodies that of Henry VI., with slight alterations of small importance.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 115.

Recorder of the town aforesaid for the time being to have, nominate, and make some other sufficient and discreet man learned in the laws of England to be his Deputy in the office of Recorder of the town aforesaid; and that such Deputy so made, nominated, and sworn, may and shall have full power and authority, in the absence of the Recorder, in all and singular the things relating or pertaining to the office of such Recorder, for all intents and purposes that the Recorder of the town aforesaid for the time being has, or may or should have and exercise, by virtue of these presents, or of any other letters patent of our progenitors made in this behalf.

We have also assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, constitute, nominate, and make our beloved Ralph Edge, esquire, to be the present Common Clerk of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and that it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor and Aldermen of the town aforesaid for the time being, or for the greater part of them (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one), from time to time and at all times after the death, amoval, or surrender of the aforesaid Ralph Edge, to nominate, elect, and advance one other discreet and honest man to the office of Common Clerk for and in the same town, to continue in the same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and so from time to time as often as the case shall so happen.

We also will, and do declare our royal intention, that no Recorder or Common Clerk of the town aforesaid to be hereafter elected or appointed shall intermeddle in such office or offices, or either of them respectively, before he or they be approved by us, our heirs or successors, anything in these presents contained, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary therein in any wise notwithstanding.

[2]And furthermore . . . . Nottingham by itself for ever [*as at page* 191, *Vol. II.*, '*Records*'].

And that the said present Burgesses . . . . for the year then next to come [*as at pages* 191-193, *idem*].

And that the Sheriffs aforesaid to be chosen in form aforesaid, immediately after election . . . . next following such election . . . . shall be sent [*as at page* 193, *idem*].

Et quod Johannes Malyn et Johannes Whitby sint et erunt[1] primi et moderni Vicecomites, continuandi in officio illo usque praedictam festum Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli proximo futurum, et abinde quousque alii electi et praefecti fuerint secundum tenorem et effectum harum literarum patentium nostrarum.

Et quod tam quilibet Burgensis . . . . deberent [*as at pages* 192-194, *Vol. II.*, '*Records*'].[2]

Et quod iidem nunc Burgenses . . . . intromittat [*as at pages* 194-196, *idem, with slight alterations*].

Et quod dicti Escaetor et Vicecomites . . . . certificetur [*as at pages* 196-198, *idem*].

Concessimus etiam . . . . quorumcunque [*as at pages* 198-200, *idem*].

Et ulterius, ex mero motu et certa scientia nostris praedictis, concessimus pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus dictae villae de Nottingham, ac eorum successoribus imperpetuum, quod praedictus Gervasius Wyld et quilibet succedens Major, postquam ab officio Majoris amotus erit, unus erit, et continuabit unus, ex sex Aldermannis praedictis. Et quod Major et Aldermanni . . . . sint Justitiarii nostri . . . . qualitercunque in futurum [*as at pages* 200-202, *Vol. II.*, '*Records*'].

Concessimus insuper . . . . successores suos non obstante [*as at pages* 202-206, *idem*].

Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, concedimus et confirmamus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, omnia et singula eadem, hujusmodi, et consimilia messuagia, terras, tenementa et hereditamenta, necnon omnia et singula eadem et hujusmodi libertates, privilegia, franchesias, nundinas, mercata, ferias, fines, amerciamenta, proficua, commoditates, consuetudines, immunitates, quietantias, exemptiones, jura et jurisdictiones quaecunque, quae Major, Aldermanni, et Burgenses villae praedictae, aut aliqui praedecessores sui, per quaecunque nomina, vel per quodcunque nomen, vel per quamcunque incorporationem, vel praetextu cujuscunque incorporationis, modo vel antehac habuerunt, tenuerunt, usi vel gavisi fuerunt, aut habere, tenere, uti vel gaudere debuerunt, habuit, tenuit, usus vel gavisus fuit, debuit aut debuerunt, eis et successoribus suis, ratione seu praetextu aliquarum cartarum aut literarum patentium aliquorum progenitorum seu antecessorum nostrorum, nuper Regum

And that John Malin and John Whitby may and shall be the first and present Sheriffs, to continue in that office until the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next to come, and from then until two others be elected and advanced according to the tenor and effect of these our letters patent.

And that as well each Burgess . . . . within the same our realm [*as at pages* 193-195, *Vol. II.*, '*Records*'].

And that the same present Burgesses . . . . except as before excepted [*as at pages* 195-197, *idem, with slight alterations*].

And that the said Escheator . . . . of the name of the Escheator of that town [*as at pages* 197-199, *idem*].

We have also granted . . . . officers whatsoever [*as at pages* 199-201 *idem*].

And moreover, of our mere motion and certain knowledge aforesaid, we have granted for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said town of Nottingham, and to their successors for ever, that the aforesaid Gervase Wild and each succeeding Mayor, after he be amoved from the office of Mayor, shall be, and shall continue to be, one of the six Aldermen aforesaid. And that the Mayor and Aldermen . . . . shall be Justices . . . . the town and liberty aforesaid [*as at pages* 201-203, *idem*].

We have moreover granted . . . . their successors [*as at pages* 203-207, *idem*].

And moreover, of our more ample especial grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we do grant and confirm to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, all and singular the same, such, and the like messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, as well as all and singular the same and such liberties, privileges, franchises, fairs, markets, fairs, fines, amercements, profits, commodities, customs, immunities, acquittances, exemptions, rights, and jurisdictions whatsoever, as the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or any of their predecessors, had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used, or enjoyed by whatsoever names, or by whatsoever name, or by whatsoever incorporation, or by pretext of what-

[1] *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.

[2] 'The Roll reads after *steterit*, "et nullo tempore Vicecomites ejusdem villae . . . . easdem [habeant] potestatem . . . . debent seu debebunt." The scribe has obviously omitted the four lines that follow *nullo tempore*, and has thus merged two separate clauses.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 114.

vel Reginarum Angliae, quoquo modo antehac factarum, confirmatarum, vel concessarum, aut praetextu alicujus praescriptionis, usus, seu consuetudinis, seu quocunque alio legali modo, jure, seu titulo antehac habitarum, usitatarum, seu consuetarum, excepta una feria ibidem tenta, et teneri consueta, in et super festum sancti Mathiae Apostoli. Et ulterius volumus, et per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae de Nottingham praedictae, et successoribus suis imperpetuum, quod ipsi et successores sui habeant, teneant et custodiant infra eandem villam, loco praedictae feriae ibidem antehac tentae in et super praedictum festum Sancti Mathiae Apostoli, annuatim imperpetuum quolibet anno duas[1] novas ferias sive nundinas, prima earundem feriarum incipiente in et super vicesimum tertium diem Aprilis quolibet anno, et secunda feria praedictarum feriarum sive nundinarum incipiente in et super primum diem Novembris quolibet anno, nisi aliquis praedictorum dierum acciderit esse Dies Dominicus, et tunc in et super Diem Lunae proximo sequentem, et quaelibet feria illa per octo dies duratura; unacumque Curia Pedis Pulverizati ibidem tempore earundem feriarum et nundinarum respective tenenda, et omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi Curiam pertinentibus; simul cum tollneto, stallagio, piccagio, finibus, et amerciamentis, ac omnibus aliis proficuis, commoditatibus, et emolumentis de hujusmodi feriis, nundinis, et Curia Pedis Pulverizati provenientibus, incidentibus, emergentibus, seu contingentibus, ac cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi ferias, nundinas, et Curiam Pedis Pulverizati pertinentibus vel spectantibus; ita tamen quod praedictae feriae sive nundinae non sint, seu earum[2] altera, non sit ad nocumentum aliquarum aliarum feriarum sive nundinarum: habenda, tenenda et gaudenda omnia et singula eadem terras, tenementa, hereditamenta, libertates, privilegia, franchesias, jura, et cetera praemissa eisdem Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis imperpetuum; reddendo inde nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, talia, eadem, hujusmodi, et consimilia reditus, servitia, denariorum summas, et tenuras quae proinde nobis antehac reddiderunt, seu solvere consueverunt et de jure debuerunt.

Volumus etiam, et pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, per praesentes, quod habeant, teneant,

soever incorporation, to them and to their successors, by reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent of any of our progenitors or ancestors, late Kings or Queens of England, in any wise heretofore made, confirmed, or granted, or by pretext of any prescription, use, or custom, or by any other lawful manner, right, or title heretofore had, used, or accustomed, with the exception of a fair held and accustomed to be held in the same place, in and upon the feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle. And moreover we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, that they and their successors shall have, hold, and keep within the same town, in lieu of the aforesaid fair heretofore held there in and upon the aforesaid feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle, two new fairs annually for ever every year, the first of such fairs beginning in and upon the twenty-third day of April in every year, and the second fair of the aforesaid fairs beginning in and upon the first day of November in every year, unless any of the aforesaid days shall happen to be a Sunday, and then in and upon the Monday next following, and each such fair to last for eight days; together with a Court of Piepowder there to be held at the time of the same fairs respectively, and with all liberties and free customs pertaining to such Court; together with toll, stallage, pickage, fines, and amercements, and all other profits, commodities, and emoluments coming from, incidental to, arising, or happening from such fairs and Court of Piepowder, and with all liberties and free customs pertaining or belonging to such fairs and Court of Piepowder: provided that the aforesaid fairs, or either of them, shall not be to the damage of any other fairs: to have, hold, and enjoy all and singular the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, liberties, privileges, franchises, rights and other the premises to the same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever; rendering therefor to us, our heirs and successors, such, the same, the like, and similar rents, services, sums of money, and tenures as they have heretofore rendered therefor to us, or have been wont and ought of right to pay.

We also will, and do grant for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that they may have, hold,

[1] *duas*,] 'duos,' MS. [2] *earum*,] 'eor.,' MS.

utantur, et gaudeant, et plene habere, tenere, uti, et gaudere possint et valeant imperpetuum omnes libertates, liberas consuetudines, privilegia, authoritates et quietantias praedictas, secundum tenorem et effectum harum literarum nostrarum patentium, sine occasione[1] vel impedimento nostri, heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcumque; nolentes[2] quod iidem Major, Aldermanni et Burgenses villae praedictae ratione praemissorum, seu eorum alicujus, per nos, vel heredes seu successores nostros, justitiarios, Vicecomites, escaetores, et alios Ballivos seu ministros nostros, heredum seu successorum nostrorum quorumcunque, inde occasionentur, molestentur, vexentur, graventur, seu in aliquo perturbentur.

Proviso semper, et volumus ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, ordinamus et firmiter injungendo praecipimus, quod Major, Aldermanni et ceteri omnes officiarii praeantea mentionati et modo constituti sive confirmati, seu constituendi, antequam ipsi ad executionem sive exercitium officii sive officiorum, loci vel locorum, cui vel quibus sic respective nominati, appunctuati, sive constituti modo existunt, aut imposterum nominati, electi, sive constituti fuerint, admittantur, aut aliqualiter in ea parte intromittant, seu eorum aliquis respective intromittat, tam sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum '*The Oath of Obedience*,' quam sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum, '*The Oath of Supremacy*' super sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliis praestabunt, et quilibet eorum praestabit, et omnia alia [3] sacramenta, declarationes et subscriptiones praestabunt et facient, et quilibet eorum praestabit et faciet, qualia per leges et Statuta hujus regni Angliae praestare et facere debent, seu debet, coram tali persona seu talibus personis quales et quae ad hujusmodi sacramenta danda et praestanda, et declarationes et subscriptiones recipiendas per legem et Statuta hujus regni nostri Angliae ad praesens appunctuantur et designantur, aut imposterum appunctuatae et designatae fuerit vel fuerint. Et quod praedictus Gervasius Wild, antequam ad officia Majoris, Aldermanni, et Justitiarii Pacis, aut eorum alterius, admittatur, sacramentum suum ad officia illa respective[4] bene et fideliter exequenda coram praefatis Radulpho Edge, Christophero Hall, Johanne Parker et Gervasio Rippon, vel aliquibus duobus vel pluribus eorum praestabit: quibus quidem Radulpho Edge, Christophero Hall, Johanni Parker et Gervasio Rippon administrandi tale sacramentum plenam potestatem, et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes.

[1] *occasione*,] 'accacone,' MS. [2] *nolentes*,] 'volentes,' MS.



use, and enjoy, and may and shall be able to fully have, hold, use, and enjoy for ever all the liberties, free customs, privileges, authorities, and acquittances aforesaid, according to the tenor and effect of these our letters patent, without let or impediment from us, our heirs or successors whatsoever; we being unwilling that the same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid should be hindered, molested, vexed, aggrieved, or in any wise disturbed therein by reason of the premises, or any of them, by us, or our heirs or successors, justices, Sheriffs, escheators, and other Bailiffs or ministers of us, our heirs or successors whatsoever.

Provided always, and we will and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and firmly enjoining command that the Mayor, Aldermen, and all the other officers previously mentioned and now constituted or confirmed, or to be constituted, before they be admitted to the execution or exercise of the office or offices, place or places, to which they are now thus respectively nominated, appointed, or constituted, or shall be hereafter nominated, elected, or constituted, or before they, or anyone of them, intermeddle in any wise in that behalf, shall take, and each of them shall take, as well the bodily oath commonly called 'the Oath of Obedience,' as the bodily oath commonly called 'the Oath of Supremacy' upon the holy Gospels of God, and shall take and make, and each of them shall take and make, all such other oaths, declarations, and subscriptions as by the laws and Statutes of this Kingdom of England they, or he, ought to take and make, before such person or such persons as are at present appointed and designated by the law and Statutes of this our realm of England to give and administer such oaths and to receive such declarations and subscriptions, or as shall be hereafter appointed and designated. And that the aforesaid Gervase Wild, before he be admitted to the offices of Mayor, Alderman, and Justice of the Peace, or either of them, shall take his oath before the aforesaid Ralph Edge, Christopher Hall, John Parker, and Gervase Rippon, or any two or more of them, well and faithfully to execute those offices respectively: to which Ralph Edge, Christopher Hall, John Parker, and Gervase Rippon we give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer such oath.

[3] 'al.,' MS. In the printed Charters this reads 'ad,' and is translated accordingly.

[4] *respective,*] omitted in the charter printed in the volume of 'Charters.'

Damus etiam, et per praesentes concedimus, praefatis Gervasio Wyld, et cuilibet succedenti Majori, plenam potestatem et authoritatem sacramenta praestandi omnibus et singulis Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, et aliis officiariis et Burgensibus villae praedictae modo constitutis, et de cetero imposterum constituendis, ad officia sua respective bene et fideliter exequenda, prout antehac usitatum et consuetum fuerit infra eandem villam ante confectionem harum literarum nostrarum patentium.[1]

Volumus etiam, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, damus et concedimus Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et authoritatem condendi, constituendi, ordinandi et stabiliendi de tempore in tempus hujusmodi leges, statuta, jura, ordinationes et constitutiones rationabilia quaecunque, quae eisdem Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, vel majori parti eorum (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), bona, utilia, honesta, et necessaria, juxta eorum sanas discretiones, fore videbuntur pro bono regimine et gubernatione Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae praedictae pro tempore existentium, ac omnium officiariorum, ministrorum, artificum, inhabitantium, et residentium infra villam praedictam, libertates et praecinctus ejusdem: proviso semper, quod leges, statuta, jura, ordinationes, et constitutiones praedicta non sint repugnantia nec contraria legibus hujus regni nostri Angliae.

In cujus rei, etc. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo octavo die Septembris. Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

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XI.—*Extracts from Presentments at the Sessions.*

Circa 1687.[2]

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet.—Juratores, etc., super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Willelmus Bell, nuper de Nottinghamia, *laborer*, primo die Septembris, anno regni, etc., [tertio ?] vi et armis, apud Nottinghamiam praedictam, quoddam[3] pomarium (Anglice, '*an orchard*'), Dominae Annae Pierponte, viduae, de villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, vi et armis,[4] etc., fregit et intravit, et multa poma (Anglice,

[1] So in the printed volume of Charters, and it appears a better reading than that of the MS. copy, 'pr'sentae' = 'present.'

[2] The presentment which follows is undated, but is rolled up with other presentments of the first, second, and third

We also give, and do by these presents grant to the aforesaid Gervase Wyld, and to each succeeding Mayor, full power and authority to administer the oaths to all and singular the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and other officers and Burgesses of the town aforesaid now appointed, and henceforth to be appointed hereafter, well and faithfully to execute their offices respectively, as has been hitherto used and accustomed within the same town before the making of these our letters patent.

We also will, and by these presents do give and grant for us, our heirs and successors, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that they and their successors may and shall have full power and authority to frame, constitute, ordain, and establish from time to time such reasonable laws, statutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions whatsoever as to the same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or to the majority of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), shall, according to their sound discretions, seem to be good, useful, befitting, and necessary for the good rule and government of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, and of all the officers, ministers, artificers, inhabitants, and residents within the town aforesaid, the liberties and precincts of the same: provided always that the laws, statutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions aforesaid be not repugnant nor contrary to the laws of this our kingdom of England.

In witness whereof, etc. Witness the King at Westminster, the twenty-eighth day of September. By Writ of Privy Seal.

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XI.—*Extracts from Presentments at the Sessions.*

Circa 1687.[2]

Town of Nottingham, to wit.—The Jurors, etc., upon their oath present, that William Bell, late of Nottingham, *laborer*, on the first day of September, in the [third ?] year of the reign, etc., with force and arms, at Nottingham aforesaid, feloniously did break and enter, with force and arms,[4] etc., a certain orchard (in English, '*an orchard*') of Lady Anne Pierrepont, widow, of the town of Nottingham aforesaid,

years of the reign of James II., and most probably belongs to the latter.

[3] *quoddam,*] 'que*n*dam,' MS.

[4] This repetition is in the original.

'*apples*') et alios fructus (Anglice, '*other fruites*'), super arbores in dicto pomario tunc et ibidem crescentes,[1] vi et armis, etc., felonice cepit, collegit, et asportavit, ad damnum ipsius Dominae Annae Piereponte trium denariorum,[2] contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatum suas.

Robertus Jackson }
Johannes Crampton } jurati in Curia.

90ª ro. 47.

1688.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet.—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Johannes Hinde, de villa et Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *blacksmith*, vicesimo nono die Novembris, Anno regni Domini nostri Jacobi Secundi, Dei gratiâ Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hyberniae, Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., quarto,[3] vi et armis, etc., apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictae, duas sclopetas[4] (Anglice, '*two pistolls*'), et unum fibrinum galerum (Anglice, '*a beaver hatt*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Domini Gray, adtunc et ibidem inventis, adtunc et ibidem felonice furatus [fuit], cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis, coronam[5] et dignitatem suas.

Juratus in Curia: Antonius Blackley.

91, ro. 9.

XII.—*Charter of King James II.*

1688, September 1.

[6]Rex om*n*ib*u*s, ad quos, etc.

Sciatis, q*uo*d nos augmentat*i*onem [*etc., as in Charter of Charles II., third paragraph*[7]].

[*George Langford, esquire, created Mayor. The said George Langford, Thomas Smith, John Hawkins, Charles Harvey, Joseph Turpin, Thomas Collins and John Hides, gentlemen, to be Aldermen.*]

[1] *crescentes,*] 'cressen,' MS.

[2] *denariorum,*] 'denar,' MS.

[3] Thursday, November 29, 1688.

[4] sclopetum or sclopeta = Gall. *Escopette.*

[5] *coronam,*] 'coronem,' MS.

[6] The original of this charter has not been preserved. It was, like that of Charles II., cancelled by the charter of William and Mary, and was probably then destroyed. It is here printed from a copy on paper, and the contractions are indicated by italics as in the last charter.

[7] 'From here, the charter is practically a repetition of that of Charles II., but the clauses are arranged in different order, and

and with force and arms feloniously did steal, pluck, and carry away many apples (in English, '*apples*'), and other fruits (in English, '*other fruites*'), then and there growing upon the trees in the said orchard, to the damage of the said Lady Anne Pierrepont of three pence; against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity.

Robert Jackson } sworn in Court.
John Crampton }

90a ro. 47.

1688.

Town of Nottingham, to wit.—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that John Hind, of the town and County of the town of Nottingham, *blacksmith*, on the twenty-ninth day of November, in the fourth year of the reign of our Lord James the Second, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,[3] etc., with force and arms, etc., at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, two pistols (in English, '*two pistolls*'), and a beaver hat (in English, '*a beaver hatt*'), to the value of ten pence, of the goods and chattels of one Lord Gray, then and there found, then and there feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, against the peace of the said Lord King, his crown and dignity.

Sworn in Court: Anthony Blackley.

91, ro. 9.

XII.—*Charter of King James II.*

1688, September 1.

[6]The King to all to whom, etc.

Know ye that we desiring [*etc., as in Charter of Charles II., third paragraph*].

[*George Langford, esquire, created Mayor. The said George Langford, Thomas Smith, John Hawkins, Charles Harvey, Joseph Turpin, Thomas Collins, and John Hides, gentlemen, to be Aldermen.*]

are rendered more concise. Occasionally they are entirely recast; but the differences in intent are so slight that it is unnecessary to print the charter in full. The differences are of detail, not of constitution. The only important change is the addition to the provisoes for the amoval of the various officers of the Corporation of the clause *vel modo et forma inferius mentionata* (*i.e.*, unless they be amoved for the reasons stated in the Charter of Charles II., "or in the manner and form below mentioned"). The reference is to the power reserved in this charter to the King to remove any of the officers of the Corporation.' (Mr. Stevenson's note.)

[*John Nevill, John Barrodale, Richard Knight, Robert Marshall, William Burrowes, Joseph James, Thomas Pool, Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Metcalfe, John Crispe, John Welch, Samuel Smith, Joseph Boot, John Huthwait, William Moore, Samuel Rhodes, Roger Hawkesley and Joseph Sills to be the eighteen Chief Councillors.*]

[*William Cockle, Caleb Wilkinson, William Orme, William Baines, William Bellfin and John France to be Councillors.*]

[*Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson to be Chamberlains.*]

[*Henry, Duke of Newcastle, to be Recorder.*]

[*Charles Bawdes, esquire, to be Common Clerk.*]

[*John Nevill and John Borradale to be Coroners.*]

[*Joseph Boot and John Huthwaite to be Sheriffs.*]

[*Grant of all rights, immunities, lands, tenements, etc., heretofore held by the Mayor and Burgesses*], exceptis duabus feriis per praecharissimum fratrem nostrum Dominum Carolum Secundum, nuper Regem Angliae per literas suas patentes sub magno sigillo Angliae confectas, gerentes datum 'vicesimo octavo die Septembris, anno regni' sui 'tricesimo quarto,' nuper Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concessis, tenendis apud villam praedictam in et super vicesimum tertium diem Aprilis et primum diem Novembris in quolibet anno, et per septem dies post quemlibet dierum praedictorum; quas quidem duas ferias exnunc abolendas ordinamus et constituimus; et in loco praedictarum feriarum, damus et per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus modo Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis imperpetuum, duas alias ferias sive nundinas apud villam praedictam annuatim tenendas, videlicet, unam feriam sive nundinam in festo Sancti Mathaei Apostoli et per septem dies dictum festum immediate sequentes, et alteram[1] feriarum sive nundinarum in festo Sancti Matthiae Apostoli et per septem dies dictum festum immediate sequentes quolibet anno imperpetuum.

[*Grant of Court of Piepowder, of tolls, etc., during the same fairs.*]

Proviso semper, ac plenam potestatem et authoritatem nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, per praesentes reservamus, de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora imposterum, ad Majorem, Recordatorem, Communem Clericum, aliquem vel aliquos de Aldermannis, Capitalibus Consiliariis, Consiliariis, Coronatoribus, Vicecomitibus et Camerariis villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, ad libitum vel beneplacitum nostrum, heredum et successorum nost-

[John Nevill, John Barrodale, Richard Knight, Robert Marshall, William Burrows, Joseph James, Thomas Pool, Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Metcalfe, John Crispe, John Welch, Samuel Smith, Joseph Boot, John Huthwait, William Moore, Samuel Rhodes, Roger Hawkesley and Joseph Sills to be the eighteen Chief Councillors.]

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[John Nevill and John Borradale to be Coroners.]

[Joseph Boot and John Huthwait to be Sheriffs.]

[Grant of all rights, immunities, lands, tenements, etc., heretofore held by the Mayor and Burgesses], excepting two fairs granted by our very dear brother, the Lord Charles the Second, late King of England, by his letters patent made under the great seal of England, bearing date, 'the twenty-eighth day of September, in the thirty-fourth year of his reign,' to the late Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, to be holden at the town aforesaid in and upon the twenty-third day of April and the first day of November in every year, and for seven days after each of the aforesaid days; which two fairs we ordain and appoint to be henceforth abolished; and in lieu of the aforesaid fairs, we give and do by these presents grant for us, our heirs and successors, to the present Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, two other fairs to be holden annually at the town aforesaid, to wit, one fair in the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle and for seven days immediately following the said feast, and another fair in the feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle, and for seven days immediately following the said feast every year for ever. *[Grant of Court of Piepowder, of tolls, etc., during the same fairs.]*

Provided always, and by these presents we do reserve full power and authority to us, our heirs and successors, from time to time and at all times hereafter, to amove and declare to be amoved, the Mayor, Recorder, Common Clerk, any one or more of the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being at the will or pleasure of us, our heirs and successors, by any order of us, or our heirs or successors,

[1] ***alteram,***] 'altern.,' MS.

ror*um*, in Privato Consilio fact*um* et sub sigillo Privati Consilii pr*ae*dict*i* eisdem respective significat*um*, amovend*os* et amotu*m* et amotos esse declarand*os*; et quoties nos, heredes vel successor*es* n*ost*ri, p*er* aliqu*em* tal*em* ordinem in Privato Consilio fact*um* declarabimus hujusmodi Major*em*, Recordator*em*, Co*mmunem* Cl*er*icum, aliquem vel aliquos de Ald*ermannis*, Capital*ibus* Consiliar*iis*, Consiliar*iis*, Coronatorib*us*, Vicecomitib*us* et Camerar*iis* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* p*ro* tempore existen*tibus*, seu eor*um* aliquem vel aliquos, fore et esse amot*um* et amotos a respectivis officiis suis, quod tunc et extunc Major, Recordator, Co*mmun*is Cl*er*icus, Ald*ermann*us vel Ald*er*-*mann*i, Capitale*s* Consil*iarii*, Consiliarii, Coronator*es*, Vicecom*ites* et Camerar*ii* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* p*ro* tempore existen*tes* sic amot*um* vel amotos esse declarat*i* vel declarand*i*, a separ*a*lib*us* et respectivis officiis suis ip*so* f*act*o et sine ullo ulterior*i* p*ro*cessu realit*er* et ad omn*ia* intent*i*on*es* et p*ro*posita qu*ae*cunq*ue* amoti sint et erunt,[1] et amotus sit et erit; et hoc quoties casus sic acciderit, aliquo in contrar*ium* inde non obstan*te*; ac adtunc et in tali casu, infra convenien*s* tempus post h*ujus*mo*d*i amot*i*onem vel amot*i*ones, alia idon*ea* p*er*sona vel idon*eae* p*er*son*ae* in locum et offic*ium*, sive loca respectiva vel offic*ia*, h*ujus*mo*d*i p*er*son*ae* vel p*er*sonar*um* sic amot*ae* vel amotar*um* eligetur et constituetur, eligentur et constituentur, et eligi et constitui possit et possint, s*ecund*u*m* tenorem et appunctuat*i*on*em* ha*rum* l*it*er-ar*um* paten*tium*.

Volumus etiam, q*uo*d si aliquando imposter*um*, infra viginti dies post huj*us*mo*d*i amot*i*onem vel amot*i*ones Major*is*, Recordator*is*, Ald*ermann*or*um*, Capital*ium* Consiliar*iorum*, Consiliar*iorum*, Coronat-or*um*, Vicecom*itum*, et Camerar*iorum* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* p*ro* tempore existen*tium*, alicujus vel aliquor*um* eor*um*, ab officiis suis respectivis, aut post-mortem eor*u*ndem, vel aliquor*um* eor*um*, nos, hered*es*, vel successores n*ost*ri, p*er* l*it*eras mandatorias sub sigillo vel signeto manual*i* n*ost*ro, hered*um* vel succ*essorum* n*ost*ror*um*, Majori, Ald*er-mann*is, et Burgens*ibus* vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* p*ro* tempore existen*tibus*, vel aliquib*us* eor*um*, pr*ae*cep*er*imus eligere et admittere et pirare aliquam [personam] vel aliquas p*er*son*as* in eisdem l*it*eris mandator*iis* nomin-at*as* ad et in sep*ara*l*ia* resp*e*ctiv*a* officia et loca, offici*um* vel locu*m*, alicujus p*er*son*ae* vel p*er*sonar*um* sic amot*ae* vel amotar*um*, q*uo*d tunc et toties qu*ae*l*ibe*t p*er*sona sic no*m*inat*a* in tal*ibus* l*it*eris mandator*iis* eligetur, admittetur, et juretur in locum sive officiu*m* in villa pr*ae*-dict*a* in vel ad quod per tal*es* l*it*eras mandator*ias* n*ost*ras no*min*at*a* et

made in the Privy Council and signified under the seal of the Privy Council aforesaid to the same respectively; and as often as we, our heirs or successors, shall declare, by any such Order made in Privy Council, such Mayor, Recorder, Common Clerk, any one or more of the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being, or any one or more of them, to be amoved from their respective offices, that then and thereupon the Mayor, Recorder, Common Clerk, Alderman or Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being so declared, or to be declared, to be amoved, may and shall be, by the very act itself, and without any further process, really, and for all intents and purposes whatsoever, amoved, and each of them shall be amoved, from their several and respective offices; and this so often as the case shall so happen, anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and that then, and in such case, within a convenient time after such amoval or amovals, another competent person or other competent persons shall be elected and appointed, and may be elected and appointed, according to the tenor and appointment of these letters patent, to the place and office, or respective places or offices, of such person or persons so amoved.

We also will, that if at any time hereafter, within twenty days after such amoval or amovals of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being, any one or more of them, from their respective offices, or after the death of them or any of them, we, our heirs or successors, shall, by letters mandatory under the seal or signet of us, our heirs or successors, enjoin the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, or any of them, to elect and admit and swear any [person] or persons named in the same letters mandatory to and in the several respective offices and places, office or place, of any person or persons so amoved, then and so often each person so named in such letters mandatory shall be elected, admitted, and sworn to the place or office in the town aforesaid in or to which he shall be named and appointed by such our letters mandatory; and that every election or admission to

[1] *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.

appunctuat*a* erit; et quod qu*a*elibet elect*io* sive admissio habend*a* contra tenor*em* har*u*m praesentiu*m* aut contra exigentiam tal*ium* l*it*erar*um* paten*tium* vacua et nullius vigoris erit.

[*Grant to the officers above named and their successors of exemption from taking the Oaths of Supremacy and of Allegiance or Obedience, the oath prescribed in the Statute* 13 *Charles II., entitled, 'An Act for the well governing and regulating of Corporations,' and from receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the rites of the Church of England or the directions of any Canons or Statutes of the realm of England, and from taking and subscribing the declarations contained in the above Statute of* 13 *Charles II.; and from subscribing the declarations contained in the Statute* 25 *Charles II., entitled 'An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants'; and from all oaths, declarations, etc., contained or mentioned in the said Statutes, and from all pains and penalties incurred by their not taking such oaths, declarations, etc. They are also granted full power to exercise their offices without taking such oaths, declarations, sacraments, etc., as fully as if they had taken them.*]

Volumus deniq*ue*, ac p*er* pr*ae*sentes p*ro* nob*is*, heredib*us* et successorib*us* n*ost*ris, ordinamus et declaramus, q*uo*d nullus Recordator vel Co*mmun*is Cl*er*icus vill*ae* pr*ae*dict*ae* de cet*er*o eligend*us* sive constituend*us*, ad execut*ion*e*m* officii sui respective admittatur, nisi approbat*io* et consensus noster, hered*um* vel successor*um* n*ost*ror*um*, sub sigillo et signeto manual*i* [nostro], ac heredum vel successor*um* n*ost*ror*um*, in ea parte prius significabitur, aliquo in pr*ae*sentib*us* content*o* aut aliqua al*ia* re, causa, vel mat*er*ia, quacunq*ue* in contrar*ium* non obstan*te*.

In cujus rei etc. Teste Rege, apud Westm*onasterium*, primo die Septembris. P*er* ipsum Regem.

Rot. Litt. Patent., 4 Jac. II., pars. 18, m. 17. 4212.

XIII.—*Charter of William and Mary.*

1692, October 19.

GULIELMUS et MARIA, Dei gratia, Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex et Regina, Fidei Defensores, etc., omnibus ad quos praesentes literae nostrae pervenerint, salutem.

Inspeximus quasdam literas patentes sub magno sigillo Angliae gerentes datam apud Westmonasterium, duodecimo die Februarii,

be had against the tenor of these presents or against the requirement of such letters patent shall be void and of no force.

[*Grant to the officers above-named and their successors of exemption from taking the Oaths of Supremacy and of Allegiance or Obedience, the oath prescribed in the Statute* 13 *Charles II., entitled, 'An Act for the well governing and regulating of Corporations,' and from receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the rites of the Church of England or the directions of any Canons or Statutes of the realm of England, and from taking and subscribing the declarations contained in the above Statute of* 13 *Charles II.; and from subscribing the declarations contained in the Statute* 25 *Charles II., entitled, 'An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants'; and from all oaths, declarations, etc., contained or mentioned in the said Statutes; and from all pains and penalties incurred by their not taking such oaths, declarations, etc. They are also granted full power to exercise their offices without taking such oaths, declarations, sacrament, etc., as fully as if they had taken them.*]

We will, finally, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and declare that no Recorder or Common Clerk of the town aforesaid to be hereafter elected or appointed shall be respectively admitted to the execution of their office, unless the approval and consent of us, our heirs or successors, in that behalf shall be first signified under the seal and sign manual [of us], and our heirs or successors, anything in these presents contained or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

In witness, etc. Witness the King, at Westminster, the first day of September. By the King himself.

Patent Roll, 4 James II., part 18, m. 17. 4212.

XIII.—*Charter of William and Mary.*

1692, October 19.

WILLIAM and MARY, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, etc., to all to whom our present letters shall come, greeting.

We have inspected certain letters patent under the great seal of England bearing date at Westminster, the twelfth day of February, in the year of the reign of the late King James of England, France,

anno regni nuper Regis Jacobi Angliae, Franciae et Hiberniae vicesimo et Scotiae quinquagesimo sexto factas et concessas Majori et Burgensibus villae Notyngham in haec verba: 'JACOBUS, Dei gratia,' etc. [*reciting exemplification by James I. of Charter of Henry VI., 'Records,' Vol. II., pp.* 186-208[1]].

Nos autem omnia et singula franchesias, libertates, privilegia, quietantias, immunitates, concessiones, confirmationes et restitutiones praedicta, rata habentes et grata,[2] [ea] pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, acceptamus, approbamus, et ratificamus, ac omnia et singula franchesias, libertates, privilegia, quietantias, et immunitates praedicta dilectis nobis Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, tenore praesentium concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartae praedictae rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem Major et Burgenses ejusdem villae Notyngham, vel praedecessores sui, unquam franchesiis, libertatibus, privilegiis, quietantiis, et immunitatibus praedictis uti et gaudere debent, potuerunt, seu debuerunt, licet dicti Major et Burgenses ejusdem villae vel praedecessores sui franchesiis, libertatibus, privilegiis, quietantiis, et immunitatibus[3] praedictis, seu eorum aliquo vel aliquibus abusi vel non usi fuerint.

Cumque datum est nobis intelligi quod, praetextu cujusdam[4] instrumenti vel scripti ad quod Commune Sigillum Majoris et Burgensium villae praedictae combinatione[5] paucorum ejusdem villae appositum et affixum fuerat, gerentis datam decimo octavo die Septembris, anno regni Domini Caroli Secundi nuper Regis, antecessoris nostri felicis memoriae, tricesimo[6] quarto, et in Curia Cancellariae ejusdem nuper Regis de recordo irrotulati, purportantis fore concessionem per praefatos Majorem et Burgenses eidem nuper Regi, heredibus et successoribus suis, de omnibus et singulis maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, et hereditamentis, cum pertinentiis quibuscunque, de, vel in quibus dicti Major et Burgenses ad tunc vel ad aliquod tempus ante tunc fuerunt aliquo modo seisiti, possessionati, vel interessati in jure incorporationis suae vel capacitate sua incorporata aliquibus modis quibuscunque ac etiam purportantis fore concessionem et sursum redditionem per praefatos Majorem et Burgenses eidem nuper Regi de omnibus franchesiis, chartis, literis patentibus incorporationis, potestatibus, libertatibus, et immunitat-

[1] The reference is to the charter. The exemplification itself was not printed in the *Records*, but is included in the volume of 'Charters' (see No. XXIII.).

and Ireland the twentieth and of Scotland the fifty-sixth, made and granted to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham in these words: 'JAMES, by the grace of God,' etc. [*reciting exemplification by James I. of Charter of Henry VI., 'Records,' Vol. II., pp.* 187-209[1]].

We also, esteeming all and singular the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, immunities, grants, confirmations, and restitutions aforesaid as valid and acceptable, do, for us, our heirs and successors, so far as in us lies, accept, approve, and ratify them, and do grant and confirm by the tenor of these presents all and singular the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, and immunities aforesaid to our well-beloved the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, as the charters aforesaid do reasonably testify, and as the same Mayor and Burgesses of the same town of Nottingham, or their predecessors, at any time ought to have, might, or should have used and enjoyed the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, and immunities aforesaid, although the said Mayor and Burgesses of the same town, or their predecessors, have misused or not used the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, and immunities aforesaid.

And whereas we are given to understand that, under pretext of a certain instrument or writing to which the Common Seal of the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid had been placed and affixed by a combination of a few men of the same town, bearing date the eighteenth day of September, in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of the Lord Charles the Second late King, our predecessor, of happy memory, and enrolled of record in the Court of Chancery of the same late King, purporting to be a gift by the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses to the same late King, his heirs and successors, of all and singular the manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, with whatsoever appurtenances, of, or in, which the said Mayor and Burgesses at that time or at any time before then were in any wise seized, possessed, or interested in right of their incorporation, or in their corporate capacity by any means whatsoever, and also purporting to be a gift and surrender by the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses to the said late King of all franchises, charters,

[2] *grata,*] 'gratia,' MS.
[3] *immunitatibus,*] 'im'unitatet,' MS.
[4] *cujusdam,*] 'cujusdem,' MS.
[5] *combinatione,*] 'combinationem,' MS.
[6] *tricesimo,*] 'tricessimo,' MS. So occasionally.

ibus quibuscunque ad aliquod tempus vel tempora concessis ad, vel gavisis per, eosdem Majorem et Burgenses, vel praedecessores suos, vel aliquos eorum, aliquibus viis aut modis vel per aliquod nomen sive nomina quaecunque; nec non quod, tam ratione praedictae praetensae concessionis et sursum redditionis, quam praetextu seu colore diversarum cartarum sive literarum patentium incorporationis praedictarum per nuper Regem Carolum Secundum ac per Jacobum Secundum nuper Regem factarum et concessarum, seu mentionatarum fore concessarum, post datam dicti instrumenti vel praetensae sursum redditionis, diversa dubia, quaestiones, et controversiae orta fuerunt de, et concernentia, libertatibus, franchesiis, et consuetudinibus, terris, et possessionibus Majoris et Burgensium villae praedictae, ac etiam de, et concernentia, electione et continuatione quorundam officiariorum villae praedictae.

Sciatis igitur, quod nos pacem, tranquilitatem, et bonam gubernationem ejusdem villae et Burgensium et inhabitantium ejusdem gratiose affectantes, et omnia dicta dubia, quaestiones, et controversias in hac parte auferre designantes, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, de advisamento Privati Concilii nostri, assignavimus, nominavimus, ordinavimus, constituimus, et confirmavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, ordinamus, constituimus, et confirmamus Willelmum Greaves, generosum, qui fuit Major villae Notyngham praedictae tempore ejusdem praetensae sursum redditionis, fore et esse praesentem et modernum Majorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio a data praesentium usque ad usuale tempus pro electione Majoris pro eadem villa in festo Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli, quod erit anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo nonagesimo tertio, si dictus Willelmus Greaves tam diu vixerit.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris, Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concedimus potestatem et authoritatem, ad aliquod sive aliqua tempus seu tempora infra spatium duorum mensium proximo post datam praesentium, eligere, nominare, et constituere aliquos Burgenses ejusdem villae ad officium de Communi Concilio villae praedictae, ac fore et esse de Communi Concilio ejusdem villae, tam ex iis qui officium Vicecomitis villae praedictae servierunt sive habuerunt, quam qui officium illud non servierunt vel habuerunt, quos Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, vel majori parti eorum,

letters patent of incorporation, powers, liberties, and immunities whatsoever granted at any time or times to, or enjoyed by, the same Mayor and Burgesses, or their predecessors, or any of them, in any ways or means or by any name or names whatsoever; and also that, as well by reason of the aforesaid pretended grant and surrender as under pretext or colour of divers charters or letters patent of incorporation aforesaid made and granted, or mentioned as being granted by the late King Charles the Second and by James the Second late King after the date of the said instrument or pretended surrender, divers doubts, questions, and controversies have arisen of and concerning the liberties, franchises, and customs, the lands and possessions of the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and also of and concerning the election and continuation of certain officers of the town aforesaid:

Know ye therefore, that we, graciously considering the peace, tranquillity, and good government of the same town and of the Burgesses and inhabitants of the same, and designing to settle all the said doubts, questions, and controversies in this behalf, have of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, with the advice of our Privy Council, assigned, nominated, ordained, created, and confirmed, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, assign, name, ordain, create, and confirm William Greaves, gentleman, who was Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid at the time of the same pretended surrender, to be the present and modern Mayor of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same office from the date of these presents until the usual time for the election of a Mayor for the same town at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, which will be in the one thousand, six hundred and ninety-third year of the Lord, if the said William Greaves live so long.

And moreover we will, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, do grant power and authority to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, to elect, nominate, and appoint at any time or times within the space of two months next after the date of these presents, any Burgesses of the same town to the office of the Common Council of the town aforesaid, and to be of the Common Council of the same town, as well from those who have served or held the office of Sheriff of the town aforesaid, as from those who have not served or held that office,

melius expedire videbitur, ad complendum numerum octodecim de Communi Concilio villae praedictae, toties quoties necesse fuerit infra dictum spatium duorum mensium proximo post datam praesentium. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus et confirmamus Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod, post hujusmodi electionem et expirationem duorum mensium praedictorum proximo post datam praesentium, ut praefertur, liceat et licebit Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, de tempore in tempus ad omnia tempora imperpetuum eligere, nominare, et constituere idoneas personas ad officium de Communi Concilio villae praedictae, et fore et esse de Communi Concilio ejusdem villae, in tali modo et forma prout in eadem villa assuetum et consuetum fuit ante diem datus praedictae praetensae sursum redditionis, videlicet, praedictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno regni dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto, vel ad aliquod tempus praeantea: proviso semper, et volumus, quod dictus Willelmus Greaves, antequam ad executionem officii Majoris villae praedictae admittatur, praestabit sacramentum suum corporale pro debita executione officii Majoris villae praedictae ac etiam sacramenta per quendam Actum in Parliamento nostro apud Westmonasterium anno regni nostri primo tento editum et provisum appunctuata fore capta et praestita, coram Thoma Trigge et Radulpho Bennett, generosis, aut altero eorum; quibus Thomae Trigge et Radulpho Bennett, vel alteri eorum, dicta separalia[1] sacramenta administrandi plenam potestatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes.

Et de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae omnia et singula res, materias, contemptus, crimina, offensas et transgressiones quaecunque per se ipsos facta, commissa, sive perpetrata de, pro, in, vel concernentia, executione vel non-executione aut mala executione aliquorum officiorum infra villam praedictam, limites, vel praecinctus ejusdem, ad aliquod tempus sive tempora post praedictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto supra-dicto; ac etiam pardonavimus,

[1] *separalia,*] 'seperalìa,' MS.

whom the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or the major part of them, shall deem most fit, to fulfil the number of eighteen of the Common Council of the town aforesaid, as many times as shall be necessary, within the said space of two months next after the date of these presents. And moreover we will, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, grant and confirm to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, that after such election and the expiration of the two months aforesaid next after the date of these presents, as is aforesaid, it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and for their successors, from time to time at all times for ever to elect, nominate, and appoint fit persons to the office of Common Council of the town aforesaid, and to be of the Common Council of the same town, in such manner and form as was used and accustomed in the same town before the day of the date of the aforesaid pretended surrender, to wit, the aforesaid eighteenth day of September, in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of the said late King Charles the Second, or at any time before then: provided always, and we will, that the said William Greaves shall, before he be admitted to the execution of the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, take his bodily oath for the due execution of the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid and also the oaths appointed to be taken and sworn by a certain Act issued and provided in our Parliament holden at Westminster in the first year of our reign, before Thomas Trigg and Ralph Bennett, gentlemen, or either of them: to which Thomas Trigg and Ralph Bennett, or either of them, we give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer the said several oaths.

And of our more ample especial grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we have pardoned, remitted, and released, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, pardon, remit, and release to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid all and singular the things, matters, contempts, crimes, offences and trespasses whatsoever by themselves made, committed, or perpetrated of, for, in, or concerning the execution or non-execution or bad execution of any offices within the town aforesaid, the limits, or precincts of the same, at any time or times after the aforesaid eighteenth day of September, in the abovesaid thirty-fourth year of the said late King Charles the Second; and we have also pardoned,

remisimus et relaxavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, et heredibus et successoribus nostris, pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus omnibus et singulis Burgensibus villae de Notyngham praedictae omnia et singula res, materias, contemptus, crimina, offensas, et transgressiones quaecunque per se ipsos vel aliquem sive aliquos eorum separatim[1] vel conjunctim facta, commissa, sive perpetrata de, pro, vel in executione alicujus officii vel aliquorum officiorum infra villam praedictam, limites vel praecinctus ejusdem, colore sive praetextu aliquarum literarum patentium praedictorum nuper Regum Caroli Secundi et Jacobi Secundi, vel alterius eorum, ad aliquod tempus sive tempora post praedictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto supra-dicto.

Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus, concessimus, restituimus, confirmavimus, approbavimus, et ratificavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, damus, concedimus, restituimus, confirmamus, approbamus, et ratificamus Majori et Burgensibus villae Notyngham, et successoribus suis, omnia et omnimoda manneria, messuagia, molendina, redditus, terras, tenementa, decimas, prata, pascua, pasturas, communias, ferias, nundinas, mercata, et tot, tanta, talia, eadem, et hujusmodi potestates, praescriptiones, libertates, privilegia, franchesias, immunitates, jurisdictiones, chartas, literas patentes, literas patentes incorporationis, consuetudines, proficua, officia, officiarios, exemptiones, quietantias, vasta, vacua funda, commoditates, emolumenta, bona, catalla, et hereditamenta quaecunque quot, quanta, qualia, et quae per dictas literas patentes gerentes datam dicto duodecimo die Februarii, anno regni dicti Regis Jacobi Primi Angliae, Franchiae, et Hiberniae vicesimo et Scotiae quinquagesimo sexto, concessa et confirmata fuerunt, vel mentionata fore concessa et confirmata, aut per aliquas alias praedictas literas patentes concessa, seu mentionata fore concessa aut confirmata, Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, sive quae[2] Major et Burgenses villae praedictae, vel praedecessores sui, per quodcunque nomen seu quaecunque nomina incorporationis, ante dictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno regni dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto supra-dicto, habuerunt, tenuerunt, usi vel gavisi fuerunt, aut occupaverunt, aut habere, tenere, uti, vel gaudere debuerunt aut potuerunt sibi, et successoribus suis, ratione aut praetextu praedictarum separalium[3] literarum patentium vel earum aliquarum vel

remitted, and released, and by these presents do for ourselves, and our heirs and successors, pardon, remit, and release to all and singular the Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid all and singular the things, matters, contempts, crimes, offences, and trespasses whatsoever made, committed, or perpetrated by them or by, any one or any of them severally or jointly of, for, or in execution of any office or of any offices within the town aforesaid, the limits or precincts of the same, under colour or pretext of any letters patent of the aforesaid late Kings Charles the Second and James the Second, or of either of them, at any time or times after the aforesaid eighteenth day of September, in the abovesaid thirty-fourth year of the said late King Charles the Second.

And moreover, of our more especial grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we have given, granted, restored, confirmed, approved, and ratified, and by these presents do for ourselves, our heirs and successors, give, grant, restore, confirm, approve, and ratify to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, and to their successors, all and all manner the manors, messuages, mills, rents, lands, tenements, tithes, meadows, pastures, pasture-lands, commons, fairs, markets, and such, so many, the same, and the like powers, prescriptions, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, jurisdictions, charters, letters patent, letters patent of incorporation, customs, profits, offices, officers, exemptions, acquittances, wastes, waste-grounds, commodities, emoluments, goods, chattels, and hereditaments whatsoever as were granted and confirmed, or mentioned to be granted and confirmed, by the said letters patent bearing date the said twelfth day of February, in the year of the reign of the said King James the First of England, France, and Ireland the twentieth and of Scotland the fifty-sixth, or granted or mentioned to be granted or confirmed, by any other the letters patent aforesaid to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or which the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or their predecessors, by whatsoever name or names of incorporation, had, held, used, or enjoyed, or occupied, or ought to have or might have had, held, used, or enjoyed to them and to their successors before the said eighteenth day of September, in the abovesaid thirty-fourth year of the reign of the said late King Charles the Second, by reason or pretext of the afore-

[1] *separatim,*] 'seperatim,' MS. [2] *quae,*] 'quas,' MS.
[3] *separalium,*] 'seperalium,' MS.

alicujus, vel aliarum cartarum, concessionum, aut literarum patentium quarumcumque per aliquem progenitorum aut antecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae quoquomodo factarum, concessarum, seu confirmatarum ante dictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno regni dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto, aut quocunque alio legali modo, jure, sive titulo, consuetudine, usu, sive praescriptione ante datam praesentium legitime usitata, habita, consueta, sive gavisa.

Cumque datum sit nobis intelligi, quod quaedam personae inhabitantes praedictae villae et burgi de Notyngham post tempus praedictae praetensae sursum redditionis, suscipientes super se fore corpus corporatum per nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum, et Burgensium villae de Notyngham in Comitatu ejusdem villae,' praetextu seu colore quarundam[1] literarum patentium per dictos nuper Reges Carolum Secundum et Jacobum Secundum[2] confectarum, diversas dimissiones vel praetensas dimissiones diversis personis diversarum terrarum, tenementarum, et hereditamentorum Majori et Burgensibus villae de Notyngham tempore praedictae praetensae sursum redditionis spectantium et pertinentium fecerunt, et diversas denariorum summas praetextu dictarum dimissionum vel praetensarum dimissionum habuerunt et receperunt; et quia nolumus, quod hujusmodi personae, quibus tales dimissiones vel praetensae dimissiones bona fide et pro valuabili consideratione factae fuerant, de hujusmodi firmis suis aliqualiter deprivari seu frustrari,[3] de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, concessimus et confirmavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus et confirmamus omnibus et cuilibet hujusmodi personae et personis, cui vel quibus aliquis talis dimissio vel praetensa dimissio, sive aliquae tales dimissiones vel praetensae dimissiones facta fuerat vel [factae] fuerant de aliquibus terris, tenementis, seu hereditamentis, praedictis, quod quaelibet hujusmodi persona et personae deinceps respective habeant, teneant, et gaudeant,[4] et habere, tenere, et gaudere possint et valeant omnia terras, tenementa, et hereditamenta eis vel eorum alicui vel aliquibus pro valuabili consideratione bona fide sic dimissa vel praetensa fore dimissa pro residuo respectivorum terminorum in qualibet hujusmodi dimissione limitatorum, sub annualibus redditibus, condicionibus, conventionibus, et agreamentis in hujusmodi dimissionibus specificatis, et juxta verum purportum dictarum dimissionum vel praetensarum dimissionum.

said several letters patent, or of any one or more of them, or of other charters, grants, or letters patent whatsoever made, granted, or confirmed in any wise by any of our progenitors or ancestors late Kings or Queens of England before the said eighteenth day of September, in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of the said late King Charles the Second, or lawfully used, had, accustomed, or enjoyed by whatsoever other lawful manner, right, or title, custom, use, or prescription before the date of these presents.

And whereas we are given to understand, that certain persons inhabitants of the aforesaid town and borough of Nottingham, after the time of the aforesaid surrender, taking upon themselves to be a body corporate by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham in the County of the same town,' under pretext or colour of certain letters patent made by the said late Kings Charles the Second and James the Second, have made divers demises or pretended demises to divers persons of divers lands, tenements, and hereditaments belonging and pertaining to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham at the time of the aforesaid pretended surrender, and had and received divers sums of money under pretext of the said demises or pretended demises; and because we are unwilling that such persons, to whom such demises or pretended demises were made in good faith and for valuable consideration, should be deprived or baulked in any wise of such their firms, we have, of our especial grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, granted and confirmed, and we do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, grant and confirm to all and every such person and persons to whom any such demise or pretended demise, or any such demises or pretended demises has or have been made of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments aforesaid, that every such person and persons shall from henceforth respectively have, hold, and enjoy, and may and shall be able to have, hold, and enjoy all lands, tenements, and hereditaments so demised or pretended to be demised to them or to any one or any of them for valuable consideration in good faith for the remainder of the respective terms limited in each such demise, under the annual rents, conditions, covenants, and agreements specified in such demises, and according to the true purport of the said demises or pretended demises.

[1] *quarundam,*] 'quorundam,' MS.
[2] Carolum . . . . Secundum,] 'Caroli Secundi et Jacobi Secundi,' MS.
[3] *deprivari seu frustrari.*] So in MS.
[4] *gaudeant,*] 'gaudent,' MS.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Testibus nobis ipsis apud Westmonasterium, decimo nono die Octobris, anno regni nostro quarto. Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Pigott.

Pro fine in Hanaperio viginti marcarum. 4182.

XIV.—*List of Burgesses enrolled.*

1693-4.

VILLA NOTTINGHAMIAE, SCILICET: NOMINA BURGENSIUM DE NOVO CREATORUM TEMPORE THOMAE TRIGGE, GENEROSI, MAJORIS VILLAE NOTTINGHAMIAE ET COMITATIS EJUSDEM VILLAE, A FESTO SANCTI MICHAELIS, ANNO DOMINI 1693, ANNOQUE REGNI DOMINI WILLELMI ET DOMINAE MARIAE NUNC REGIS ET REGINAE ANGLIAE, ETC., QUINTO, USQUE[1] FESTUM SANCTI MICHAELIS TUNC PROXIMO SEQUENS, VIDELICET, 1694.

Josephus Shaw, *whitesmyth*, burgensis natus
Nicholas Brownelowe, *fellmonger*.
} jurati burgenses 2d die Novembris.

Johannes Champian, *butcher*, burgensis natus, juratus burgensis 7º die Novembris.

Jonas Bettyton, *baker*, burgensis natus, juratus burgensis 19 Decembris.

Willelmus Harryson, *butcher*, burgensis natus
Willelmus Cross, *vpholster*, per *purchase*.
} jurati burgenses 13 Januarii.

Abraham Metcalfe, *woollen-draper*, burgensis per *purchase*, juratus 1º die Januarii.

Johannes Ludlam, scissor, burgensis natus.
Johannes Feilds, scissor, burgensis natus.
Franciscus Staples, *gardiner*, per *apprenticeship*.
} jurati 22 die Februarii.

Willelmus Lindley, *glasier*, burgensis natus.
Johannes Champian, *butcher*, burgensis per *indenture*.
} jurati 3 Aprilis.

Willelmus Shaw, faber ferrarius, burgensis natus.
Thomas Shaw Robinson, byrseus.
Jacobus Robinson, byrseus, burgensis natus.
} Anglice, *tanners*.
Benjamin Hunt, pellicarius, Anglice, *felmonger*.
Ricardus Wilson, pistor.
Edwardus Barton, pistor.
Matheus Robinson, ephippiarius.
} jurati burgenses xxij. die Maii, '94.

[1] *usque*,] 'usque*m*,' MS.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness ourselves at Westminster, the nineteenth day of October, in the fourth year of our reign. By writ of Privy Seal.

Pigott.

For a fine in the Hanaper of twenty marks. 4182.

XIV.—*List of Burgesses enrolled.*

1693-4.

TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM, TO WIT: NAMES OF THE BURGESSES NEWLY CREATED IN THE TIME OF THOMAS TRIGG, GENTLEMAN, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM AND COUNTY OF THE SAME TOWN, FROM THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL, IN THE YEAR OF THE LORD 1693, AND IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF THE LORD WILLIAM AND LADY MARY, THE PRESENT KING AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND, ETC., TILL THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL THEN NEXT FOLLOWING, TO WIT, 1694.

Joseph Shaw, whitesmith, burgess-born.
Nicholas Brownelowe, fellmonger.
— sworn burgesses on the 2nd day of November.

John Champian, butcher, burgess-born, sworn burgess on the 7th day of November.

Jonas Bettyton, baker, burgess-born, sworn burgess on the 19th of December.

William Harryson, butcher, burgess-born.
William Cross, upholsterer, by purchase.
— sworn burgesses on the 13th of January.

Abraham Metcalf, woollen-draper, burgess by purchase, sworn on the 1st day of January.

Jonn Ludlam, carver, burgess-born.
John Feilds, carver, burgess-born.
Francis Staples, gardener, by apprenticeship.
— sworn on the 22nd day of February.

William Lindley, glazier, burgess-born.
John Champian, butcher, burgess by indenture.
— sworn on the 3rd of April.

William Shaw, blacksmith, burgess-born.
Thomas Shaw Robinson, tanner.
James Robinson, tanner, burgess-born.
— in English, *tanners.*
Benjamin Hunt, dealer in hides, in English, *fell-monger.*
Richard Wilson, baker.
Edward Barton, baker.
Matthew Robinson, saddler.
— sworn burgesses on the xxii. day of May, '94.

Franciscus Ward, generosus, juratus burgensis eodem die per emptionem libertatis ejus pro summa 20 li.

Willelmus Sanders, *weaver*, burgensis natus. Gabrielis Coppocke, pistor.	27 Junii jurati burgenses.
Josephus Coulton, *butcher*, burgensis natus. Willelmus Burrowes, *cordwayner*, burgensis natus. Johannes Lockoe, *bootemaker*, burgensis natus. Johannes Goodall, *frameworke-knitter*. Johannes Nicholson, *stuffe-weaver*.	jurati burgenses 4° Septembris.
Thomas Hawksley, *ironmonger*, burgensis natus. Edwardus Webster, *pipemaker*, burgensis natus.	jurati 24° Septembris, '94.

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Francis Ward, gentleman, sworn burgess on the same day by purchase of his freedom for the sum of 20 pounds.

William Sanders, weaver, burgess-born.
Gabriel Coppocke, baker.
} on the 27th of June sworn burgesses.

Joseph Coulton, butcher, burgess-born.
William Burrowes, cordwainer, burgess-born.
John Lockoe, bootmaker, burgess-born.
John Goodall, framework-knitter.
John Nicholson, stuff-weaver.
} sworn burgesses on the 4th of September.

Thomas Hawksley, ironmonger, burgess-born.
Edward Webster, pipemaker, burgess-born.
} sworn on the 24th of September, '94.

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SELECTIONS

FROM

MANUSCRIPTS IN THE ENGLISH TONGUE.

As in the preceding volumes, the orthography of the original MSS. is here faithfully reproduced, even in regard to the use of 'u' and 'v,' and the division of words. The signs of contraction in the English words have, however, been given their full value, the omitted letters being printed in italic type, to distinguish them. The capitals have been, in most cases, preserved, as, although they may have no title to share in the praise bestowed by Mr. Arthur Galton, in his introduction to a reprint of Gordon's *Tacitus*, on 'the bounteous capitals,' which, he says, 'add so much to the seductive and sober dignity of an eighteenth century page,' yet their lavish use was certainly no less characteristic than the spelling of the centuries preceding our own. Sometimes it has been uncertain whether the initial letter of a word has been intended for a capital or a small letter, and, in all such cases, the modern practice has been here adopted, as also in the matter of proper names, the initial letters of which, though sometimes small in the original manuscripts, are invariably printed in capitals. In the beginning of sentences, also, the modern rule has been adhered to. In the selections from the presentments, the results, wherever recorded on the original rolls, are printed in italic type.

I.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1625, Wednesday, April 6.

This Companie are content thatt M*aiste*r Maior, M*aiste*r Staples, and M*aiste*r Gregorie shall be ten*an*ts to the newe Copies[1] att iiij. li. vjs. viijd. rent, and to haue ytt for three yeares from o*u*r Lady-day last; and vpon this Condic*io*n thatt the Burgesses shall Joyct[2] theire horses there twice in the yeare as heretofore, and att the Rate of vjd. a Weeke, accordinge to the ould Custome; and they to allowe a yearely fall of the Vnderwoods, as hathe beene antiently vsed, att the Discretion and appoyntm*en*t of this Companie, and these ten*an*ts nott to putt anie other beasts there saue onely horses and mares, nor to meddle w*i*th the woods there, butt onely for suche vnderwoods as they shall necessariely vse for fencinge, and to lett Burgesses have theire antient lib*er*ty for theire swyne there Duringe the Mast-tyme[3] onely, yf anie bee, and none to haue anie gates there by previledge, butt onely the Chamberlaynes and the woodward, as

[1] 'Copies'=coppice.

[2] Joist, from O.F. *gésir*, to lie, lie on.

[3] Mast, edible fruit for swine; fruit of beech and forest trees. (AS. *mæst.*)

hathe beene lawefully accustomed, and to leave ytt fenced as ytt nowe is; and the woodward to doe his dutye for fencinge the same.[1]

1625, Good Friday, April 15.

M*emorand*u*m*, thatt this day the Maior, Recorder, Aldermen, Councell, and Cloathinge mett touchinge certen Conferences aboute No*min*atinge, Whether ytt were convenient to ellecte and Choose twoe gentlemen strangers, or twoe townesmen Burgesses for this ensuinge p*ar*liam*en*t, and ytt is fully agreed thatt there shalbe ellected twoe townesmen thatt are Burgesses to serve in this p*ar*liam*en*t, and none other in anie wise.

M*emorand*u*m*, the Companie are allsoe agreed to hould theire meetinge att Robyn Hood well on Monday nexte, accordinge to the antient Custome. 3399, fo. 37.

II.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1625, July 18.

Per constabularios.[2]

Wee p*re*sent John Hancok(s) wife for a scould and abusinge of the Constable: *ducked.*[3]

Wee p*re*sent Hewgh Colson for annoyance w*i*th his Carrion both in the Leene and all aboute the Houlmes, *xs.* 73, ro. 63.

Per orientem.[4]

Wee presente Henerie Pare for sellinge his tithe-load of hay to a fariner,[5] *ijs. vjd.*

Wee presente widow Lauton for the like, *ijs. vjd.*

Wee presente Thomas Smithe for takinge a fariner's[5] horse or mare in to Hunger hill: *ijs. vjd.* 73, ro. 66.

Per occidentem.[6]

Imprimis, we p*re*sent Rychard Lea and Dorothie, his wyfe, of the Parrishe of Saynt Peeter's in Nottingham, beinge about the age of fyftie, for nott comynge to the Churche by the space of three monethes last past; *xijs.*

Item, we p*re*sent M*ist*ris Elyzabethe Rowsonne and M*ist*ris

[1] A similar order was made on 17th April, 1628, but was not subsequently confirmed.

[2] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[3] Nine others were ducked for scolding.

[4] *Translation:* By the East.

[5] fariner = non-burgess.

[6] *Translation:* By the West.

Margarett Rowsonne, hir sister, of the parishe of Saint Maries, beinge about the age of twentie and foure yeares, for the lyke.

Item, we Request and thinke it not fyttinge that M*aiste*r Eddge showld give thesse towe last p*ar*ties any entertaynemente to diett or board in his howse.

Item, we p*re*sent Robert Bell for beinge distempered wythe drinke on the sabothe day, beinge the xvij[th] of July: *vs.*

Item, we Intreat *your* wor*sh*ips to take some order that the Bellman may give nottis for mastife dogges to be musselled.

73, ro. 77.

1625, October 8 or 10.[1]

Per orientem.[2]

Villa Nottinghamiae Scire:[3] Wee present Francis Levys, laborer, for vsinge the trade of a shoesmithe here in this towne by the space of one Monethe, And nott beinge Apprentice to the same trade or occupaci*o*n by the space of Seven yeares, accordinge to the forme of the Statute[4] in thatt case made and provided.

Wee present John Fraunce for the lyke, in vsinge the trade of a Cuttler.

Wee present Thomas Beard for the lyke.

40s. a peice. Tho*mas* Burley, J*uratus.* (=sworn).

74, ro. 13.

[5]*Imprimis*, We p*re*sent Richard Lay and Dorothy, his wyfe, of the parish of S*ain*t Peter's, about the age of fiftye, for absentinge themselves for the space of three monnth from the Church.

Item, We p*re*sent Thomas Walker, about the age of thirtye yeares, of the same parish, for the Like.

Item, We p*re*sent Cathren Cooke, the wyfe of Michall Cooke, of the same parish, about the age of fortye, for the like.

Item, We p*re*sent the Ladye Ratlife, of the Parish of S*ain*t Nicholas, about the age of fiftye, for absenting her self from the Church for the space of eight weeke.

Item, We p*re*sent Widow Brownrige for takinge into her house for an inmate (*sic*) a man, his wyfe, and a Child: 3 *li. vis. viiid.*

[1] These presentments are undated, but belong to one of the two dates here given.

[2] *Translation:* By the East.

[3] *Translation:* Town of Nottingham, to wit.

[4] Stat. 5 Eliz. c. iv., § 24.

[5] These presentments were also made by the Eastern side, and are, probably, of the same date as the preceding.

Item, we present Thomas Barnes the yonger, for the like: *bound.*

Item, we present Humphrye Cookes for the like: *gone away to lyve att Boston in county Lyncoln.*

Recusants[1] xijd. everie Sunday absent.

Warrant to the Churchwardens. 74, ro. 14.

1625, October 10.

Per Constabularios.[2]

[Wee present] William Nickolsone, new comer to the Towne, tennant to John Stanley: *3li. vis. 8d.*

Widow Duckenfeild, tennant to Elisabeth Stanley: *gone away.*

Thomas Barnes the yonger for takinge in a stranger:[3] *bound.*

Henery Thorntone for takinge the stones from the street before his owne doore; *xijd.*; and for bruing without lycens; *xxs.*

William Ellisone for taking in an Inmate, Maister Beamont, and three or fower Children: *iijli. vjs. viijd.*

Mistris Ryley for digging vp of stones in the high waye: *xijd.*

Maister Edward Ayer for not fyndinge night wach: *vjd.*

William Westbye for keeping disorder in the night in his howse, and would not be reformed by the wachmen: *xijd.*

Charles Twelues for anoying the streets with Carts; moreover for anoyinge the streets with timber-loggs; moreover, for layinge his manner[4] short of the place which is apoynted: *dead.*

Joan Broadberye for a Comon scould: *ducked.* 74, ro. 18.

Per occidentem.[5]

Imprimis, we present Catherin Cooke, the wyfe of Mychaell Cooke, of the parishe of Saynt Peeter's, about the age of fortye, for not comynge to the Churche by the space of three monethes Last past.

Item, we present Ladye Rattclyffe, of the parishe of Sainte Nycholas, about the age of fyfftie, for the like: *gone.*

Item, we present Mistris Anne Masonne, wyddowe, in the parishe of Saynt Nycholas, for takinge the fore sayde Ladye Rattclyfe into hir house as an Inmate: *avoyded*[6] *her.*

Item, we present Elizabethe Rychardsonne, wyddow, in Bridellsymthe Gate, for takynge of an Inmate vnknowen: *iijli. vjs. viijd.*

[1] Persons refusing to attend church and receive the sacrament.

[2] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[3] stranger = non-burgess.

[4] manner = manure.

[5] *Translation:* By the West.

[6] avoyded = cast out, or ejected.

Item, we present Hewe Dobsonne for keepinge a scabbed mare in the meddowes: *xs*. 74, ro. 20.

To the king's Majestie's Justic[e]s of peace for the County of the towne of Nottingham.

Att the generall Sessions of the peace houlden at the guildhall of Nottingham, for the Countye of the Towne of Nottingham, the Tenth day of October, in the firste yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland kinge, defender of the faith, etc.

The Jurye for our soveraigne Lord the kinge, Doe presente and fynde by Due proofe, That Humfrey Askough, beeinge an Alehouse keeper, did vppon the Seaventh day of this instante moneth, breake the assize of beare and alle, by sellinge lesse then a whole quarte of his beste beere or ale for a penny, Contrarye to the Statute of the firste yeare of kinge James, in that Case made and provyded, Whereby the said Humfrey Askough Doth forfeite Tenne shillings of lawfull money of England, to bee levied as by the same Statute yt is at large lymited and appoynted.[1] 74, ro. 21.

III.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1625, October 10.

Wee present the Leene for want of Scoweringe betwene the bridge and Snenton foreth[2] which is a hinderance to the water passinge. *Amended.*

Wee present Maister Edward Morris for not Scoweringe the dicke[3] in his close neare the Cheanye bridge: *ijs*.

Wee present John Reeve for puttinge Maister Edge horse into Estcroft in his name: *iijs. iiijd.*

Wee present Thomas Lawsonn for puttinge a scabde horse in the meadowes: *xs*.

Wee present John Kime for not scoweringe the becke with[in] his close called Boycroft: *ijs*.

Wee present Francis Nixe for not scoweringe the becke betweene boycroft and bleachinge place: *ijs*.

Wee present the becke bridge to be in decaye *(amended)*.

[1] Ten other persons were presented for the like offence. A true bill ('Billa Vera') was found, and each was fined xs.

[2] foreth = ford.

[3] dicke = dike or ditch.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Jonathan Shecheverell for not Scoweringe the becke w*i*thin his close: *ijs.*

Wee p*re*sent Thomas Stevensonn for Anoyinge the hie way in Hallifax Lane with his muckell:[1] *ijs.*

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r William Hunt for Incrochinge vpon the towns ground in the common houmes:[2] *ijs.*

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r William Hunt for makinge of Lime pittes in the Common Houmes,[2] and not fillinge them vp againe: *filled vpp.*

Wee p*re*sent Richard Drindge for makinge a pitte in the houmes:[2] *ijs.*

We p*re*sent Robert Bennit for makinge a muckell before his dore: *ijs. vjd.*

Wee p*re*sent George White for makinge a muckell in the same place:[3] *ijs. vjd.*

We p*re*sent M*i*stris Elner Sherwine for the like: *ijs. vjd.*

Wee p*re*sent William Borrowes for incrosing vpon the towne ground w*i*th his buildinge at Grefreer wate:[4] *ijs.*

We p*re*sent M*i*stris Marye Walker for settinge her pales vpon the towne ground near Grefreer wate.[4]

Wee p*re*sent Robert Crose for makinge a swine cotte over the Rowell,[5] and puttinge in his swine mucke in to yt: *vs.*

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r John Dodslay for buildinge a porch vpon the towne ground: *rented.*

Wee p*re*sent Richard Browne for not keepinge the mault millne in repare, beinge the towne millne.

Wee p*re*sent S*ain*t James' Chapell to be in decaye for want of repare: *repayred.*

Wee p*re*sent John Stanlay for takinge in William Nickolsonn to to be his tennant:[6] *gone.*

Wee p*re*sent A holl[7] to be into A tavarne over against Thomas Nucome, beinge the hie waye. *Camerarii.*[8]

Wee p*re*sent m*aister* Alderman Nix for havinge towe load of wood, which was not fitting for him,[9] which was the towne's, in the copies.[10]

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[1] muckell = dunghill.

[2] Houmes = Holms. See Glossaries to vols. iii. and iv.

[3] *i.e.*, before his door.

[4] Grefreer wate (so called, also, in a previous presentment) = Gray Friar Gate.

[5] rowell = drain or sewer.

[6] Other like presentments follow, 3 for taking in tenants and 4 for taking in inmates.

[7] holl = hole.

[8] The Chamberlains (*i.e.*, to see to it).

[9] 'him' is struck out in the MS.

[10] copies = Coppice.

IV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1625-6, January 16.

Anthonius Gamble et alii (Anthony Gamble and others).

Imprimis, we present Dorothye Ley, Widdowe, beinge of the parish of Saint Peter's, for that she hath not come to the church by the space of three monethes last past.

Item, we present Anne Ley, her daughter, for the like.[1]

Item, we present John Walker, Cordwainer, for strikinge the sonne of George Cranwell in the church : *vs.*

Item, we[2] present Roger Ryley for suffringe his dogge, beinge a mastive, to goe vnmoselled : *iijs. iiijd.*[3]

Per orientem.[4] 74, ro. 45.

Per Constabularios.[5]

We present Robert Tailor for tipling without a licence : *xxs.*

We present William Whit for anoying the comon vshew :[6] *xijd.*

We present Richard Willson for keeping his masti[7] dog vnmusled : *iijs. iiijd.*

We present Thomas Burley and Henry Hill for being in the Alehouse at an vnlawfull tim of night : *iijs. iiijd.* 74, ro. 48.

Per occidentem.[8]

We present Michael Brightman for suffering a gargell[9] Cow to goe in the medowes when it was severall :[10] *xijd.*

We present Richarde Wrigsome for puttinge a gargell[9] Cow into the medowes : *iijs. iiijd.*

We present Michaell Brightman for suffering Richerd Wood and William Gregg there swine to route vp the medowes : *iijs. iiijd.*

We present Richard Wood (*iijs. iiijd.*), and William Gregg (*iijs. iiijd.*) for suffering there swine for going into the medowes vnringed.

We present Anthonye Canninge for sellinge vnwalsom meat for man's bodye in the markett betwixt Martilmas and Christmas : *xs.*

74, ro. 52.

[1] Five like presentments follow against others.

[2] 'we' repeated in MS.

[3] Three similar presentments against others follow.

[4] *Translation:* By the east.

[5] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[6] vshew = issue.

[7] masti = mastiff.

[8] *Translation:* By the west.

[9] gargell, an affection of the udder in cows. See Glossary, vol. iv.

[10] severall = severed, separated from other cattle.

Per occidentem: Richardum Recklesse et alios.[1]

We intreat you, m*aiste*r Maior, and you, the rest of the Justices, that you will please to take and settell some order and Course, Conscer[n]inge the oppoistion[2] of our marketts by strangers, for there regrese and liberttye is a great wronge to our markett, and a great oppression to the poore; we heere it and find it, therefore we praye you to take some due Consideration for the p*re*sent. 74, ro. 54

V.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1625-6, Friday, January 27.

This Companie are agreed thatt Bells shalbe Ronge att everie Churche, and Bonfires made in the streets, to shewe the people's Reioycinge on the day of the King's[3] Coronaci*on*, w*hic*h ys intended to be on Candlemas day nexte,[4] God willinge. 3400, fo. 50.

1626, Thursday, March 30.

Sain*t Anne Well.*—This Companie are agreed that M*aiste*r Maior, Aldermen, Councell, and Cloathinge will observe the antient custome of goinge to S*ain*t Anne well on Black-monday nexte,[5] and to pay accordinge to the auntient custome, vizt, ijs., M*aiste*r Maior, Aldermen, and Coron*ers*, and the Councell and Cloathinge xviijd. a peice, provided thatt Francis Nixe doe appoynt some honest woeman of Credit to have the oversighte and orderinge of the meate and drincke to be spent there: and then aswell those absent as present to pay as aforesaied.[6] 3400, fo. 53.

VI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1626, April 24.

John Sherin hath run A way from his M*aste*r Six severall tymes.

1. First of all, he set a pound of Candles on fire w*hic*h were in great danger to haue burnt the house, and so runn his way, and lost them, vnknowne to me or any of my house.

[1] By the west: Richard Recklesse and others.

[2] *i.e.*, opposition.

[3] Charles the First's.

[4] Thursday, February 2, 1626. Candlemas-day was the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, the fortieth day after the Nativity.

[5] Easter Monday.

[6] John Heywood was appointed keeper of St. Ann's Well, April 7, 1627.

2. Nex*t*, he found a way to creepe into the tavarne, and fetch out ale by halfe Gallons at onc*e*, and my people perceived it, and tould him the*y* would tell me, and he run a way one Satterday, when I was in the market, before I came whome.

3. Nex*t* of all, he tooke the child to the Lieene[1] side, and kept her there all day, and at night left her by the water side, and runn away.

4. Afterwardes, I got that place mended where he crept into the tavarene, and he found an other way to creepe in vnder the dore, and made him selfe so drunke that he would sit vpon the formes, and fall downe and breake his heade, and when he perceved that I knewe, he run his way.

5. Then, at master Alderman's request, I tooke him againe, and he run a way vpon the next day.

And last of all, he fetched bread in my name at the Baker's, and left it vpon my score, and run his way.

These be truth, and there is that will be reposed in them[2] if neede require.[3] 74, ro. 69.

Artickles objected agaynst John Crofts, of this Towne of Nottingha*m*, and his wife, agaynst[4] theire prentice, as followeth, w*hi*ch will be proved vpon Oaths.

Imprimis, the sayd John Crofts, by her Indenture, is not to make nor medle w*i*th her, vpon anye Condition.

Item, since hee hath beaten her in her heade most greeveiously sundrie tymes.

Item, more*over*, hee hath beaten her vpon the face, w*hi*ch were most greiveous, that she had almost lost one of her eyes.

Item, since that tyme, hee hath beaten her and punched her w*i*th his fiste vpon her syde, that she was scarse able to take her winde.

Item, what by him and by her, she was so beaten and pinched vpon her armes divers tymes, that they were so black, it would pittie anye Christian to behold.

Item, hee hath beaten her vpon the face, that hee hath made her byte her lipps w*i*th her owne teeth.

When theire hath bene her Brother and other to Come to intreat

[1] Lieene = Leen.

[2] *i.e.*, there is evidence to prove it.

[3] No name is prefixed or appended to this presentment.

[4] This is evidently a mistake for 'by.'

and speake in her behalfe, they haue both spoken, shee should be the vilder[1] and worste vsed for theire speches.

Moreover, they had with her ls.[2] for three years, and to fynde her all her appairell, besyde her frends were Charged withall, as may appeare by the Indenture. 74, ro. 70.

Per occidentem.[3]

Item, wee present Fraunces Noble, bucher, for blowing his meate, contrarie to the Statude: *vjs. viijd.*

Item, wee present younge George Kinninge for the like: *vjs. viijd.*

Item, wee presente Fraunces Nickes for suffring the twon's[4] Coppie[5] to bee caried a way by the twone's[4] peple: *ijs. vjd.*

74, ro. 72.

1626, April 24.

Per orientem: Henricum Baguley et alios.[6]

Item, we present Maister Thomas Nyxe, of the parishe of Sainte Maries, for keepinge his dawghter Anne in his howse, and for nott Comandinge hir to go to the Churche by the space of three monethes last past: *iijs. iiijd.*

Item, we present Rodger Ryley for anoyinge the streete wythe fyllthie stinkinge dreane watter, to the great anoyance of neygbors and passengers: *iijs. iiijd.* 74, ro. 74.

Per Constabularios: Franciscum Leeson et alios.[7]

We present Edward Wyer for keping evyle rewle in his howse at an vnlawfull[8] tyme of the nyght: *xs.*

We present William Pare for being a brod[9] at an vnlawfull tyme of the nyght: *xijd.*

Wee present John Fremane's wyfe for falling owte with her nyghbors: the Can not lyfe quyetly by her: *xs.*

Wee present Maister Edmanes for a noying the stretes with swyne mocke: *xijd.* 74, ro. 77.

[1] vilder = more vilely.

[2] ls. = Ls. (50s.).

[3] *Translation:* By the west.

[4] twon's and twone's = town's.

[5] Coppie = Coppice.

[6] *Translation:* By the east; Henry Baguley and others.

[7] *Translation:* By the Constables: Francis Leeson and others.

[8] vnlawfull = unlawful.

[9] a brod = abroad.

VII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1626, April 27.

1. *Imprimis* we p*re*sent the Weekday-Crosse to be in decay for want of payntinge and mendinge: *done.*

3. *Item*, we p*re*sent the lanes betwene the Leene-bridge and the Chaynie-bridge to be in decay for want of bankynge and mendinge: *Bridgmaisters.*

4. *Item*, we p*re*sent Snenton forde to be verie noysom to our meddowes and Eastcrofte for want of scowringe: *done.*

9. *Item*, we p*re*sent Humphrey Eare for settinge his pales to far forthe[1] by Saynt Nycholas Church-yard syde: *xijd.*

13. *Item*, we p*re*sent M*aiste*r Dyvall for incroachinge vppon the Hie-pavement withe his new pales: *rented.*

14. *Item*, we p*re*sent wyddow Hinde for layinge ashes and Ramell[2] in Stony streete beyond Sainte Marie's Churche wall: *iijs. iiijd.*

15. *Item*, we p*re*sent the Hollow-Stone for want of Repayringe: *to be amended.*

17. *Item*, we p*re*sent Stonye streete to be in decaye for want of pavinge: *Camerarii.*[3]

26. *Item*, we p*re*sent the Rowell[4] att the Pecke lane end by Sainte Peeter's Churche to be in decaye: *done.*

28. *Item*, we present the Mallte Crosse to be in decay: *Camerarii.*[5]

29. *Item*, we present M*aiste*r Lyttellfare for nott scowringe the Well close diche at the Brode lane ende: *to be done.*

30. *Item*, we p*re*sent M*aiste*r Robert Parker, Alderman, for settinge his hedge to far forthe in[6] the Sandy lane: *xijd.*

31. *Item*, we presente Wyll*iam* Ryppon for bringinge in his drawght[7] into the woman's markett, and pullinge downe his neybor's walles: *iijs. iiijd.*

32. *Item*, we p*re*sent the loer end of Wallser-gate for want of pavinge: *done.*

33. *Item*, we p*re*sent Mychaell Bryghtman for not pruninge and dressynge the wyllowes in Wyllford pasture hedge: *iijs. iiijd.*

40. *Item*, we p*re*sent Thomas Stevensonne for anoyinge Hallifaxe

[1] to far forthe = too far out.
[2] Ramell = rubbish.
[3] The Chamberlains.
[4] rowell = sewer.
[5] *Translation:* the Chamberlains.
[6] To far forthe in = too far out into.
[7] drawght = draught horses or teams.

lane withe a verie great muckehill, very noysome to his neybors: *iijs. iiijd.*

43. *Item*, we p*re*sent Thomas Lawsonne for nott dressinge away his mucke in the Cow Lane, *iijs. iiijd.*

44. *Item*, we present the well in the womans markett to be in decay: *Camerarii* (the Chamberlains).

V° Maii Anno Secundo Regis Caroli nunc Angliae, etc., Coram Magistro Hill, Majore, Magistro Staples, Magistro Roberto Parker, Magistro James, Aldermannis,[1] this verdicte was taken.—M*aiste*r Rich*ard* Parker.

VIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1626, Tuesday, May 2.

Feild Keepers.—Ytt is ordered by this Companie thatt John Patten and John Reeue[2] shalbe feild keep*ers* this yeare for dryvinge out the Deare there; and they shall have for theire paynes herein fyue pownds, w*hi*ch shall be raysed by the paym*en*t of twoe pence an acre of Corne and grasse growinge in the feilds; and yf this collecc*i*on will nott amountt to the same some of v. li., then the rest to be made oute by the towne, in some place to be assigned by the Companie. And whoe soe ever shall nott pay this smale ymposic*ion* (beinge intended for a gen*er*all good), shall bee presented att the nexte Sessions, and there soe fyned by ye Bench as theire obstynacie to this goode worke shall be occasioned; and these p*er*sons followinge are appoynted to be collectors for the same monies, viz.: M*aiste*r Maior's Ward: John Hethersey. M*aiste*r Staple's Ward: John Parsons. M*aiste*r Parker's Ward: M*aiste*r Derbishire. M*aiste*r Nixe's Ward: James Golderinge. M*aiste*r Sherwyn's Ward: Anthonie Millington. M*aiste*r Parker's Ward: Homfrey Askoughe. M*aiste*r James' Ward: W*illia*m Baker.[3] 3400, fo. 54.

1626, Monday, June 19.

*J*ohn *Poynton.* M*emorand*u*m*, thatt this day John Poynton havinge beene somoned to appeare here to doe his service to the towne

[1] *Translation:* 'On the 5th May, in the second year of King Charles now of England, etc., Before Mr. Hill, Mayor, Mr. Staples, Mr. Robert Parker, Mr. James, Aldermen.'

[2] Reeue = Reeve.

[3] Henrie Gregorie and Henrie Dun were appointed field-keepers, May 23, 1627, under similar conditions.

as one of the Councell for the com*m*ons, doethe nott come to p*er*forme those duties thatt place requirethe, and some of this Companie beinge of opynion thatt hee had licence to be spared in regard of his occasions thatt hinder his attendance here, ytt is therefore ordered thatt the saied John Poynton shall pay to the vse of the Corporac*i*on vjs. viijd.; and then and hereafter to be dissmissed from the saied place, and some other honest Com*m*oner to be ellected in his place.[1]

3400, fo. 58.

IX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1626, July 17.

Per occidentem, xvij° Julii, 1626. *Robertus Heald et alii.*[2]

Item, we p*re*sent Elizabeth Richardsonne for takinge in 2 Inmates and theire wifes: *iij. li. vjs. viijd.*

Item, we p*re*sent M*aiste*r Leonarde Nix, Alderman, for takinge in a tenant beinge a poore stranger, w*i*thout takinge securitie to save the towne harmelesse: *iij. li. vjs. viijd.*

Item, we presente Thomas Barnes the yonger for not avoydinge a tenant, for w*hi*ch he was formerly p*re*sented: *iij. li. vjs. viijd.*

74, ro. 95.

Per Constabularios.[3]

We p*re*sent M*aiste*r Reuell for Bruing without a licence: *xxs.*

We p*re*sent Robert Brodhed for selling vnlawfull meat: *vs.*

We p*re*sent Richard Norwood [his] wife, and Cutbert Littlefaire his wife, both for scoules: *ducked.*

We p*re*sent Michall Brightman for puting a scabd horss in the pinfould amongst other horsses: *vs.* 74, ro. 99.

Per orientem.[4]

Imprimis, we p*re*sent Catherin Cooke, of the P*a*rish of Saint Peeter's, abowte the age of fortie years, for nott Cominge to the Churche for the space of three monethes last past.[5]

Item, we p*re*sent M*aiste*r Alderman Nyxe for lettinge his howse in Cassell Gate to a Stranger;[6] his name is Lamberte: *iij. li. vjs. viijd.*

74, ro. 101.

[1] Nicholas Collton was elected and sworn Counsellor in his place, June 21, 1626.

[2] *Translation:* By the west, 17 July, 1626. Robert Heald and others.

[3] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[4] *Translation:* By the east.

[5] A number of like presentments follow.

[6] Stranger = non-burgess.

X.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1626, Friday, September 14.

Meddowes and feilds: This Companie are agreed thatt Cattle shall nott be putt into the Medowes before the Munday after Saint Mathewes day nexte, notwithstandinge the vsuall tyme is twoe or three dayes before; and thatt sheepe shalbe restrayned from cominge into the feilds vntill the same Munday; and thatt the Bellman shall be sent abroad into the towne to geve notice of this restraynt; and the offenders therein shall forfeite for everie score of sheepe cominge into the feilds before thatt day, iijs. iiijd., and for everie beast putt into the Medowes before the same day, xijd.

Chamberlaynes: Ytt is agreed by this Companie thatt whoesoever heareafter shall refuse to be Chamberlayne after hee is ellected on Michaelis[1] day shall forfeite and pay to the vse of the Corporacion fyue pownds, without anie abatement thereof, vnlesse theire be anie apparent cawse to moue this Companie or theire Successors to make anie abatement thereof. 3400, fo. 59.

XI.—*Bridge-Wardens' Account.*

1626.

Imprimis paid to six poore widdowes in the Beade houses at xvjd. a peece	viijs.
Paid To Arthur and Bingham for studdinge,[2] relinge, and layinge new groundsills[3] vpon the bridges other v. dayes at xid. by daye	ixs. ijd.
Paid for bordes, legges,[4] bandes, hookes, and neales for dores in the bayde houses[5] and workmanship .	iiijs. iiijd.
Paid for vj. bunch of Latts, neales, with other woode for two Chimnyes in the bayde houses,[5] with glasse and workmanshipp	xijs. iiijd.
Paid for two loodes of Claye, haye to temper the morter,	

[1] *Michaelis = Festum Sancti Michaelis* (Feast of Saint Michael, or Michaelmas).

[2] 'studding,' making new posts, etc. See Glossary, vol. iii.

[3] 'groundsills,' foundations; 'timber or raised pavement next the ground' (Johnson); timber laid horizontally near the ground to secure the uprights. See vol. ii., p. 372, note 5.

[4] legges = ledges.

[5] Bayde houses = beadhouses.

bricke to make the hudd,[1] straye[2] and thackinge,[3] with workmanshipp . . . . xijs. vjd.

Given to the workmen, and weanmen[4] from Christmas to our Ladye daye in Ale and monye. . . xviijd.

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P*ai*d to Oker for Clensinge the Leene beneath Snenton forde . . . . vijs.

P*ai*d Christopher Kyrke for iiij. fastninge Roopes, and peceinnge a rope for Summer treese[5] . . . ijs. vjd.

P*ai*d to Bingham and Oker, for settinge footestepes in the Cartways agaynst the Butter Crose . . xxijd.

1932, fol. 4.

Imprimis to six pore wydowes in the bayde houses at xvjd. a peece . . . . viijs.

P*ai*d to Oker for havinge Care of the Boate from Christmas to our Ladye-daye . . . . xviijd.

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P*ai*d to Holmes for studdinge,[6] and layinge growndsills[7] aboue the bridges; iij. dayes at xijd. by daye . . . . iijs.

P*ai*d to Alderman Nix vpon his note for xiiij. gallands of tarr, viij. stonne of pitch, for the new boate . xxvijs.

P*ai*d to John Holmes and his Sonne for squaringe and sawinge woode for the boate, and other worke aboute the bridges . . . . xvijs. vjd.

P*ai*d to John Whittworth for strawe, thrumes,[8] and to W*illia*m James for heare and lime for the boat . . . . vs. viijd.

P*ai*d to John Fishe and his Sonne for makinge and finishinge the boate, and to John Wilsonne for servinge him with all things needfull, and lanchinge it, in money, breade, and ale . . . iii li. vijs. vjd.

[1] 'hudd;' sometimes chimney-top so contrived as to secure a constant draught by turning with the wind, and sometimes a projecting cover above the hearth, forming the upper part of the fireplace.

[2] straye = straw.

[3] 'thackinge;' sometimes straw, more frequently coarse grass. See vol. iii., p. 503.

[4] weanmen = wainmen.

[5] Summertree, a tree to make a prop of; the prop itself.

[6] studdinge = making new posts, etc.

[7] growndsills, foundations; see *ante*.

[8] Thrum, a coarse yarn, or unravelled strand of rope.

P*ai*d to Oker and Townrowe for mendinge the foote plankes in the Lanes and other worke other ij. dayes at ixd.[1] by daye . . . . . . iijs.

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XII.—*Commission to Collect a Loan for Providing Shipping.*

1626, October 11.

CHARLES, by the grace of God kinge of England, Scotland, Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc., To our trustie and welbeloved the mayor and Aldermen of the Towne of Nottingham Greetinge:

When the Imp*er*iall Crowne of this Realme descended first vpon vs, wee found ourselves engaged in a warre vnd*er*taken and entred into by our late deare Father of blessed memorie not willinglie, nor vpon light or ill grounded Councells, but by the many p*ro*vocat*i*ons of an ambitious Enemy, and by the grave and deliberate Councells and p*er*swasions of both the houses of Parliament vpon p*ro*mise of theire continuall assistance therein, and thereby not our selves alone and our owne people became thus engaged, but also our friendes and allies, and amongst them, and above all others, our most deare vncle, the most illustrious king, the king of Denmarke, who hath in his owne p*er*son imbarqued himself in the same quarrell, whome in honor and in reason of State, we maie not desert, but by the advise of our Councell we resolved to assist him p*re*sentlie[2] with men and money, we evidentlie forseeing that otherwise our Com*m*on Enemy[3] will in an instant become master of all Germany, and consequentlie of all the portes and partes where the masse and bulke of our Cloth is vented,[4] and whence we must furnish ourselves of p*ro*vision for our Shipping, which howe fatall it would be to vs and our people maie easilie be discerned; but when wee came to enter into this greate worke, wee found our Treasures exhausted, and our Coffers empty, and our ordinarie Revenue hardlie sufficient to support our ordinarie charge, much lesse to vnd*er*goe soe greate and ext*ra*ordinarie a burthen as a warre with Spaine.

Our affaires thus standing, wee beinge willing to treade in the stepps of our Auncestors, with all the convenient speede wee could,

[1] *i.e.*, 9d. each.
[2] presently = forthwith.
[3] Spain.
[4] vented = sold.

sum*m*oned a Parliament, but not finding that successe therein which wee had cause to expect, wee are enforced to this course wee are nowe resolved vpon, which was hastened the rather when our vnavoydable necessities both at home and abroad emultiplied vpon vs, when our Enemyes greate and mightie p*re*paraci*o*ns both by Sea and lande threaten vs daylie, and when the late disaster (the chaunce of warre), which hath fallen vpon our dearest vncle, the kinge of Denmarke, to the endaungering of his Royall p*er*son, the hazarding of his whole Army, and the vtter dishartening of all our partie, doe at once call vpon vs and crie in our Eares, that not our owne honor alone, and the auncient Renowne of this Naci*o*n which is deare vnto vs, but the safetie and verie subsistence of vs and our people, the true Religion of God and the com*m*on cause of Christendom*m*e p*ro*fessing that true Religion with vs, are in apparent daunger of suffering irreparablie, unles not onlie a speedie but a p*re*sent Stoppe be made to soe great a breach, which cannot endure soe long a delaie as the calling of a Parliament. Now therefore [wee] in a case of this extremitie, after diligent and deepe Inquirie into all the wayes and meanes possible which are honorable and iust in cases of such vnavoydable necessitie, have at last, by the advise of our whole privie Councell, resolved to require the ayde of our good and loving Subiects by lending to us such a competent Sum*m*e of money, to be speedilie collected to our vse, as maie enable vs to p*ro*vide for their defences and our owne, to be repaid vnto them as soone as wee shalbe any waies enabled therevnto, vpon shewing forth of the Acquittance of the Collector, testifying the Receipt thereof, And theis somes [wee] beinge confident will readilie and chearefullie be lent vnto vs by our loving Subjects when they shalbe trulie informed from vs of what importance and of what necessitie that is which wee now require of them, and when they shalbe assured by vs, which wee faithfullie p*ro*mise and vndertake on the Royall word of a kinge, which wee will be jealous[1] not to breake with our people, that all and everie of those moneys, which thus wee borrowe of them, shalbe bestowed or expended but vpon those publique and gen*er*all s*er*vices onlie wherein everie of them and the bodie of the kingdome, theire heires, Children, and posteritie haue theire p*er*sonal and com*m*on Int*er*est. Knowe ye therefore that wee, reposing speciall trust and confidence

[1] jealous = zealous, careful. 'Zealously cautious against dishonour' (Johnson).

in your fidelitie, industries, and good discretions, haue no*min*ated, constituted, and appointed, and by theis p*re*sents doe no*min*ate, constitute, and appoint you to be our Com*m*issioners, authorizing, willing and com*m*aunding, and by theis p*re*sents wee doe authorize, will, and com*m*aunde you and everie of you, vpon that faith and allegiaunce which you owe vnto Religion and to the com*m*on wealth, Thatt all other occasions sett apart, you or any twoe or more of you joyntlie or seu*er*allie, as in your wisdomes you shall conceive fittest to advance this our d*e*vice, doe with all speede after the Receipt of this our Com*m*ission, at such and soe many times and places as you shall conceive fittest, call before you all such p*er*sons within our saide Towne of Nottingham and Countie of the same, as by our Instru*c*tions, which wee shall send vnto you herewith, are appointed, and that yee acquaint them with this our will and pleasure, and see it dutifullie, eff*ec*tually, and speedilie p*er*formed accordinglie, which our Instru*c*tions wee will and com*m*aund you exactlie and eff*ec*tuallie to observe and followe in all points, and therein to vse your best cares and diligences, and to retorne the same with all speede you can possiblie vse, and wee authorize you, or any two or more of you to minister[1] an oathe to such p*er*sons and in such cases as in and by our said Instruct*i*ons are directed; And for your better assistance herein, Wee doe hereby will and com*m*aund all mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other our Officers, ministers, and Subjects, That they and everie of them be ayding, helping, and assisting vnto you and everie of you in the executi*o*n of this our Com*m*ission, and that you and they and everie of them doe carefullie, faithfullie, and diligentlie intend[2] this, our most important d*e*vice, as you and they doe any waies respect and tender our honor and the safetie and good of this kingdome, and as you and everie of you will aunswere the neglect thereof, at your vtt*er*most p*er*ills.

In witnes whereof, wee haue caused theis our l*ett*ers to be made patente. Witnes our self at Westminster the eleaventh day of October in the seacond yeare of our Raigne.[3] Edmondes.

4650.

[1] minister = administer.

[2] intend = regard, or attend to.

[3] The latter half of this document has been found very difficult to decipher, the ink being much faded and in many places quite obliterated by damp and other causes, the faint pen-scratches still traceable affording the only clue to the words.

XIII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1626-7.

Necessarie Expenses.

Imprimis, a quire of paper for o*ur* booke	iiijd.
Item pai*e*d for Cakes and ale on *Michaelis*[1] dayc	xijd.
Item, to the Ringers on *Michaelis*[1] daye	xijd.
Item, to the Ringers at S*ain*t Peter's	xijd.
Item, pai*e*d for London fees this yeare as hath beene antiently accustomed	v. li. xixs. iiijd.
Item, pai*e*d for brooms for the hall	vjd.
Item, for mendinge the Town's drum	xijd.
Item, pai*e*d the Com*m*on souldiers' and drum*m*er's wages at the muster	xvijs.
Item, pai*e*d for a lode of Coles for the hall	vjs. viijd.
Item pai*e*d for the micleturn's chardges at *Michaeli*s'[1] Sessions, and givinge up theire verdict	xxxiijs. ijd.
Item, pai*e*d Lambe for killinge 4 dossen of moulds[2]	iijs. iiijd.
Item, pai*e*d for markinge the town's spitts	vjd.
Item, pai*e*d for iron and worke at the newe prison	xviijs. vjd.
Item, for mendinge the town's seale, and a newe marke for measures	xviijd.
Item, for dressinge the p*ri*son	vjd.
Item, pai*e*d M*aiste*r Martyn for Chardgs in the bishopp of Kilsanor's suite with the towne	xljs.
Item, pai*e*d for entringe W*illia*m More's statute, and makinge accquittanc[e]s for the loane moneys	vs.
Item pai*e*d Wakefeild for carrieinge letters to London about the loane moneys, and other busines	ijs.
Item, pai*e*d for vi. yards and a halfe of stamell[3] for the wayts Coats at 13s. 4d. per yard	iiij. li. vjs. viijd.
Item for taffetie to face theire Coats	viijs. viijd.
Item pai*d* for a Coate for the bellman	xiiijs.

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March, 1626-7.

Item, pai*e*d for a skepp[4] for the hall	vjd.

[1] Michaelis = Michael (Feast of St. Michael or Michaelmas).

[2] Moulds=Moles. Many such items follow.

[3] 'stamell,' a coarse woollen cloth.

[4] 'skepp,' a sort of basket, narrow at the bottom and wide at the top.

Aprill, 1627.

Item, for mendinge the gilt boule . . . . . . viijd.

Item, for wyne and suger at the well[1] on blake[2] munday xiiijs. vjd.

Item, p*aie*d for xvj. knapsacks for the com*m*on souldiers at ijs. ijd. a peece . . . . xxxiiijs. viijd.

Maye, 1627.

Item, p*aie*d the Com*m*on souldiers and drum*m*er for their wages at the muster, the vijth of maye . . . xvijs.

Item, for makeinge aquittanc[e]s for the loane money . iiijs.

Item, for 26 yards of Ribbin at vd. p*er* yard for the Com*m*on souldiers . . . . . , . xs. xd.

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Item, p*aie*d the Com*m*on souldiers and drum*mer* for theire Wags[3] at the trayninge the 18th and 19th days of maye . . . . xxxiiijs.

June.

Item, for a new head for the town's drum . . . . ijs. vjd.

Item, p*aie*d for prest money for vij. souldiers . . vijs.

Item, p*aie*d for wages that daye . . . . . . iiijs.

Item, p*aie*d for vj. hatts . . . . xviijs.

Item, for xv. yards of Clothe for shirtts . . . . xvjs. xjd.

Item, for 21^{tie} yards of frise[4] at 20d. per yard . . xxxvs.

Item for xv. skins of leather for lynings. . . . . vis. vijd.

Item for vj. bands, 3 dossen poynts,[5] 6 payre of garters, and halfe a yard of Canvas . . . . . . vs. iiijd.

Item for makeinge vj. payre of breeches and vj. shirtts . vijs. jxd.

Item spent in drivinge[6] the meadows twice . . . xiiijs. ijd.

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Item, for xj. yards of red Kersey[7] at ijs. vd. per yard for the souldiers' breeches. . . . . xxvjs. vijd.

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Item, for meate, drincke, and wages and money given the souldiers . . . . xviijs. vid.

[1] Saint Ann's Well.

[2] Blake = black.

[3] wags = wages.

[4] frise = frieze, 'a coarse warm cloth, made perhaps first in Friesland' (Johnson).

[5] 'poynts,' strings with tags.

[6] 'drivinge,' driving cattle into an enclosure in order to find out whose property they were, and whether or not they were entitled to common pasture. See Glossary to vol. iii.

[7] kersey, 'coarse stuff' (Johnson).

Item, paied for poynts and garters . . . . . . xijd.
Item, paied for foure payre of shooes . . . . xiijs. ijd.
Item, for foure hatts and feathers . . . . . . xiijs. iiijd.
Item, for ringinge the prime bell[1] all the yeare . . ijs.
Item, paied for Suthwell offerings this yeare . . . xiijs. iiijd.

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Presents and Rewards.

Imprimis, Green a pursivant[2] for 1 bundle proclamacions . . . . ijs. vjd.
Item, for ij. proclamacions, j. the King's declaracion, and j. for souldiers' disorderly resort to the Court . vs.
Item, given to foure players havinge a Commission, and theire Company broken . . . . . . iijs. iiijd.
Item, for wyne sent Maister Recorder, and money given his servants when maister Maior and his breethren dined there in Christmas . . . . . . xs. viijd.
Item, for wyne and suger given the Justices the next Sessions after Christmas . . . . . . iiijs. xd.
Item, for ij. proclamacions, j. for hospitality, and one against transportinge leather . . . . . vs.
Item, for ij. proclamacions, j. for lent, and j. for Captayns and souldiers to returne to theire Chardge . . vs.
Item, for a veale and a mutton given the Judges att Lent Assises . . . . xxxs.
Item, given the King's players of the Chamber of Bristowe in reward . . . . vijs.
Item for ij. proclamacions, j. for Recusants, and one for tabacco . . . . iiijs.
Item, for wyne and suger given the Lord Mannsfeild . xxxiiijs.
Item, for a proclamacion after Holland and Blowe . ijs.
Item, for an other for sealinge tabacco . . . . ijs. vjd.
Item, given a pursivant that brought a proclamacion, and the Counsell's letters for the loane . . iijs. jxd.
Item for a pottle[3] of wyne sent maister Pears, a preacher xvjd.
Item, given the players of the King's Revells . . vjs. viijd.

1637, p. 10.

[1] prime bell = matin bell.

[2] pursivant = pursuivant, or state messenger.

[3] pottle = four pints, or, a tankard, etc., containing the liquor.

Reparacions.

October.

Item, for scouringe the ditches by the Trent lane . . iiijs. viijd.
Item, *paie*d for a staple for newbridge . . . . vd.

November.

Item, *paie*d Barns for a newe keye for the newe prison dore xviijd.
Item, for mendinge the leather hall floore . . . iiijd.
Item, for viij. stoops[1] in Fisher gate . . . . . iiijs.
Item, for mendinge the pinfold . . . . . . ijs. ijd.
Item, for mendinge the stile at pennyfoote lane . . iiijd.
Item, for mendinge the chayne at Bridgend . . . ijs. ijd.

December.

Item, for a planke, sleepers, wood, and workmanship, to mend the bridge nere Gelson's house . . . vs. iiijd.
Item *paie*d m*aister* Perrie for mendinge the Chaynes in the towne in seu*er*all places. . . . . viijs. iijd.

Januarie.

Item, for mendinge the Leen bridges and the bridges in the meadows . . . . vjs. iiijd.

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Reparacions.

Februarie.

Item, for glasinge the spicechambers windows . . ijs. vjd.
Item, for pavinge at Hungate end, and mendinge the stayrs at Lowe Pavem*en*t, and the rowell,[2] and Peck lane . . . . iiijs. vjd.
Item, for mendinge the well at Weekeday Crosse, and lead and sauder . . . . vs. vjd.

Marche.

It*em*, for Carrieinge Rubbish from Hollow ston against Lent assises. . . . . iijs. iiijd.

Aprill.

Ite*m*, for repayringe the well at bridgend, the sluce on the Causey, the footebridge over the Leene, and the washinge stayres . . . . xjxs. iiijd.

1637, p. 13.

[1] 'stoops,' rails.

[2] 'rowell,' sewer.

Item, for a locke for S*ain*t Jones[1] and a letter R . . xd.

1637, p. 14.

June.

Item, pa*ie*d for seekinge the town's bull. . . . . iiijd.

Item, pa*ie*d W*illia*m Newbold and the workemen for worke att the m*ar*kett wall . . . . . . xxviijs. viijd.

It*em*, for repayringe the washing stears at newbridge . xjs.

Item, for mendinge the windows of the house att S*ain*t Ann Well . . . . xiiijd.

1637, p. 15.

Item, for mendinge the beadhouse dore in Pilchergate . xvjd.

Item, for tyle, lyme, and worke at S*ain*t Ann Well . iiijs. iiijd.

Item, for repayringe the well in Goose gate . . . . iijs. ijd.

Item, for repayringe the well in S*ain*t James' lane . xjs.

1637, p. 16.

Item pa*ie*d for twoe lods of Lindbie[2] ston . . . . iijs. xd.

Item, pa*ie*d for three stepps in Barkergate . . . . xijd.

Item, for mendinge a seate at bullringe . . . . . iijd.

1637, p. 17.

XIV.—*Order of Chancery in respect of Willoughby's Charity.*

1627.

To the Tenants, owners, and occupiers of the lands and teneme*nt*s which weare Will*ia*m Willoughbie's, the elder, in the Towne, p*ar*ishes, and feilds of Nott*ingham*, Lenton, and Radford, and to eu*er*ie of the*m*.

Whereas certen Com*m*issioners by vertue of a Com*m*ission to them directed (haueinge had the examinac*i*on of Witnesses), haue made in writeinge, and retorned into the Court of Chancerie, certen orders and decrees as followe, videl*ice*t, that the heires and assignes of Gilbert Willoughb[ie], sonne and heire of Will*ia*m Willoughbie the elder, which should bee seised for the tyme beinge of and in the aforesaid lands and teneme*nt*s which weare the aforesaid Will*ia*m Willoughbie's the elder, in the Towne, p*ar*ishes and feilds of Not-t*ingham*, Lenton and Radford aforesaid, should for euer yearely deliuer, or cause to be deliu*er*ed, at the feast of Witsunday, about nyne of the Clocke in the aforenoone of the same day, to fower old,

[1] Saint Jones = Saint John's.

[2] Lindbie = Linby.

poore, weake, and needy people, to theire sole and p*ro*per vse and behoofe, fower frize gownes, made fitt, price of eu*er*ie one of them tenne shillings or thereabouts, and also to sixe good men of any misterie or occupac*i*on, or husbandmen, sixe pownds of lawfull mony of England, and also sixe shillings and eight pence to A learned and godlie preacher, to teach the said people vpon the said feast of Whitsunday; And that the aforesaid seu*er*all sommes of mony should bee paid and deliu*er*ed to the inhabitants within the seu*er*all Townes and p*ar*ishes of Great Marlowe *in Com*itatu *Buck*inghamiae,[1] Noneaton *in Com*itatu *War*wici,[2] *Normanton sup*er *Sore in Com*itatu *Nott*inghamiae,[3] *Villa*m *Nott*inghamiae,[4] and Wolvy;[5] and also that the said Legacies or sommes of mony should bee giuen and paid to the p*ar*ties aforesaid within the aforesaid seu*er*all p*ar*ishes successiuely, as it is menc*i*oned in the last will of the said Will*ia*m Willoughbie the elder:

Therefore the king's Ma*ies*tie and his Highnes counsell, by this writt vnder the seale of his highnes' ho*noura*ble Court of Chancerie, doth firmely inioyne and com*m*and you and eu*er*ie one of [you], that the said decree, forasmuch as anywaies it doth belong vnto you or any of you, yee doe wholely fulfill, or cause to bee fulfilled, accordinge to the Tenor, purport, and effect of the said decree, vnder paine of A hundred pounds.[6] 4652.

XV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1627, Friday, June 1.

[7]This meetinge was to make Moc*i*ons with Martyn Hill touchinge settinge the poore on worke att St. Jone's,[8] and thus far wee are proceeded and agreed vpon:

1. First thatt Martyn Hill shall prepare for the begyninge of the

[1] *Translation:* In the County of Buckingham.

[2] *Translation:* In the County of Warwick.

[3] *Translation:* Normanton-on-Soar, in the County of Nottingham.

[4] Town of Nottingham.

[5] Wolvie, in Warwickshire.

[6] The MS. is thus endorsed:—'Gabriel Bateman, tenant to Alderman Sherwyn. 'Thomas Cooke. 'Edward Wright. 'Marie Walker and John James, tanner, her tenant.' The copy on paper of this order, of which the above is a transcript, is undated.

[7] Bailey gives an abstract of this entry: *Annals*, vol. ii., p. 617.

[8] St. Jone's = St. John's.

worke, and bringe his Comers and other worke folkes and assistants for that purpose betweene this and Midsomer nexte.

2. Secondly, whatt poore Children or others thatt are putt to him the saied Martyn are to be ymployed, taughte, and sett a worke speedyly, and whatt they shall addle[1] or deserve after the first moneth shall be presently paied them in monie by him the saied Martyn accordinge to the Manner and vsuall rates of North folke, And hee to teache them w*i*thin one monethe after theere cominge.

3. Thirdly, thatt the Chappell and Barne shall be provided for him against his Cominge, and the same to standd and be as workehowses for him and his people.

4. Fowerthly, thatt hee is to have for everie Child sent to him att the Rate of xxs.; and hee to geue securitie for soe muche monie as hee shall receave from the towne, from tyme to tyme, and to repaye the same, att suche tyme as shall be agreed vpon att the deliu*er*ie thereof accordingly.[2] 3401, fo. 28.

XVI.—*Letters from the Privy Council regarding Loans to the King.*

1627, June 30.

After o*u*r harty commendac*i*ons, Wee lately wrote l*ett*ers vnto yo*u* by his Ma*jestie*'s Command to quicken and call vpon all those that are yett behind in their loanes, or any porc*i*on thereof, and to cause the Collectors speedily to returne all their Collecc*i*ons some tyme the last Terme, as also to certifie the names of all such as remaine refusers to lend or to pay in that w*hi*ch they promised to lend; of w*hi*ch l*ett*ers we haue no accompt, and but little of the loanes paid in the last terme, w*hi*ch beeing past, wee must lett you know his Ma*jes*tie imputes the fault rather to you who are interested as Com*missione*rs then[3] to those that are to lend, who haue shewed good affecc*i*ons in paying and promising, but there hath ben much slacknes in the calling for, and Colleccion of, the moneyes, and these things are p*ar*ticularly observed, that many of the Com*missione*rs absent themselves from the sittings that others made about this busines, and haue not as yett paid in their loanes; Secondly, that many of the Lenders who promised, haue not yett paid. Thirdly,

[1] merit. *Cath. Ang.*, 'adylle.'

[2] An agreement with Hill and a Lancelot Curtys was concluded on the 25th August, 1628; a space was left in the minute-book for the terms, but they were never entered.

[3] then = than.

those to whome day was giuen as for a second paym*en*t, are neither called vpon, nor haue yett paid in that second payment. Fourthly, that many shifte themselues from one County to another, and scape[1] lending any where. Lastly, that the Refusers, whome you are to bind ouer to appeare before the Boord, are neither bound, nor their answers certified, in all w*hi*ch cases, you are to vse dilligence, and strictly to giue vs accompt of yo*u*r p*ro*ceedings before the 15th of July next. And as his Ma*jes*tie will interprett well where he finds dilligence to be vsed, soe the neglect herein will be as offensiue to him, the publique occasions so pressing as they doe, and all the money collected vpon these Loanes, w*i*th much more of his owne treasure, beeing wholy imployed in these publique occasions for defence of the Realme, Succors of his Ma*jes*t*ie*'s Allyes, and maintenance of the cause of Religion, w*hi*ch were the motiues that forced his Ma*jes*tie to this course. And this further wee must lett you to know, wee are not ignorant of that you are the eare-witnesses off; That such as haue shewed good affecc*i*ons and bin forward in yeilding to theis Loanes, find themselues agreeued that others who stand in contempt,[2] and refuse to lend, fare better then those that are the lenders, w*hi*ch is an occasion of discontent to the lenders who haue deserved thancks of his Ma*jes*tie, and are not soe to be discouraged, nor these Refusers and contemners to goe free and vnpunished, w*hi*ch causes the quicker calling vpon you, and stricter accompt from you then otherwise should haue needed. And soe wee bid you heartely farewell. From Whitehall the 30th of June, 1627.

Yo*u*r loueing freinds,

J. B. Manchester [and others].[3]

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1627, August 23.

[4]After o*u*r very harty Com*m*endac*i*ons: Whereas heretofore wee haue written two seuerall L*ett*ers callinge vppon you, the Com*mis-sione*rs for the loanes, to cause the moneys proceedinge therevppon

[1] scape = escape, avoid.

[2] stand in contempt = are contemptuous. See below, 'contemners.'

[3] Fourteen other signatures follow, including those of 'Thos. Coventrye,' 'Marlebrugh,' 'E. Dorset,' and 'Grandison' The letter is indorsed:—
'To o*u*r lovinge freinds, his Ma*jes*t*ie*'s Com*m*iss*io*ners for the Loanes in the towne of Nottingham.'

[4] The construction of this letter (the original of which, as of the former, is written on thin paper) is very imperfect, and probably some words have been inadvertently omitted.



to be speedily paid into the Exchequer, for the better supplyinge of the publique, pressing and important occasions of State, of late his Ma*jes*ty as a prudent Prince managinge affayres by the meanes, vouchsafed to looke into the Accompts himselfe to see how these loanes haue bene answered from euery Shire, and fallinge short as yet in yo*u*r Towne from that w*hi*ch he expected, and wherevppon he trusted: And this wee must lett you knowe, that whatsoeuer his Ma*jes*tie hath hitherto raysed vppon his Plate, Jewells, Lands, Loanes, and sales, is already issued and employed for the publique; And nowe beinge in open action, his Fleete and Army abroad, which by God's godnes haue prosperously succeeded, honor and reason require to haue the vndertakinge seconded and supported: Wherefore his Ma*jes*ty hath againe com*m*aunded vs to require of you, that w*i*th all possible speede and diligence, you cause the remayne of these loanes to be collected and paid into the Exchequer: But wee are informed that howsoeuer some haue diligence in this busines, yet in some Com*missione*rs, Collectors, and Receiuors, there hath bene a great slacknes, and that much money w*hi*ch hath bene Collected and receiued vppon these loanes is yet vnanswered to the Kinge: Wherefore wee require you to looke strictly hereonto, and not onely to cause the remayne of the moneys to be Collected and returned speedily, but also to informe where you fynd any som*m*es deteyned, or longer retayned then is fittinge, by those that should haue returned the same. And to the ende this busines may haue no longer protracc*i*on, Wee require you forthw*i*th to meete and to call the Receiuors and Collectors before you, and to examine the true state of euery Receiuer and Collector's accompt, aud w*i*thin ten daies after receipt of these l*ett*ers, or a transcript thereof, to make certificate vnto vs how much euery Receiuor or Collector hath paied into the Exchequer, how much remayneth in euery Receiuour or Collector's hands, and how much resteth yet vncollected, and also to make a p*ar*ticuler Certificate vnto vs of the names of such as did consent to lend, and haue not yet paid, but still refuse to doe it. And this you may not omitt, precisely to certifie the names of those who, being sum*m*oned to appeare before you, refused or neglected to come, Or appearinge before you, refused to lend. For that his Ma*jes*tie is resolued of a Course ag*ains*t those men fitt for such as stande ill affected to the State. And they shall fynde what it is to be divided from their Kinge and the better part of the whole kingdome

when their Com*m*on interest is concerned. And so expectinge yo*u*r carefull p*er*formance of these direcc*i*ons, Wee bid you very hartily farewell. From Whitehall the 23th of August, 1627.

Yo*u*r lovinge freinds

E. Dorset [and others].[1]

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XVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1627, Wednesday, October 31.

For quiett and Cevill behavior att Meetings. Whereas att some former meetings and assemblies att open halls for publique affaires and services of the towne, vpon debatings and arguinge of the same matters, Manie differences of opynions have arisen, and the same have after moved heate, or stirred vpp Coller amongst the Companie, thatt after those tymes have proceeded to other inconveniencies thatt have beene some scandall to the governm*en*t of the towne in gen*er*all, for preventinge whereof and for a Congruitie[2] to be hereafter had amongst this Companie, thatt all things in questyon may be quiettly, and in decent Manner Debated, as is fittinge, ytt is ordered by this Companie thatt everie p*er*son of this societie, as well Allderman or other, thatt shall vse anie vncivell or vndecent behavior in speech, to the just offence of anie of this companie, and the same be soe adiudged by the Companie then present att the same sittinge or Meetinge, or att the nexte meetinge of the Companie, or the greater p*ar*tt of them, after suche offence com*m*itted, thatt then everie suche offender shall forfeyte for everie such offence beinge soe adiudged as aforesaied, the some of xijd. to be presently paied to the Cashebox for the vse of the poore. 3402, p. 56.

1627, Tuesday, November 20.

*Fy*nes. M*aiste*r Recklesse, W*illia*m James, M*aiste*r Parker, M*aiste*r Littlefare [and] Gab*riel* Groues, beinge absent last meetinge was [*sic*] onely fyned att iijd. a peice, in hope they will hereafter bee more Carefull either to come to the hall, or ells to aske lycence.[3] And ijs. iijd. was taken of Dyu*ers* of the Companie as fynes for nott

[1] The other signatures are: 'Thos. Coventrye,' 'Marleborough,' 'J. Bridgewater,' 'J. Pike,' and 'Rich. Weston,' and the letter is indorsed:—
'To our very Louing freinds, the Commissioners for the Loanes in the Towne of Nottingham.'

[2] An agreeing together.

[3] leave.

wearinge theire gownes to the Churche on Sabaothe Daies, accordinge to the order; in all amountinge to iijs. vjd., which is to be putt into the Cashebox.

Parliament:—[1]This Companie are all agreed thatt yf a parliament happen shorttly to be Called (as the rumor allreddy is), thatt then Twoe gentlemen of the Countrie shalbe Chosen for easinge the townes Chardges; and the same strangers are thoughte fittinge by all ye Companie except 2 (*nisi*[2]), to be Sir Charles Cavendishe and Maister Henrie Pierepont, eldest sonne to the Lord Vicount (*sic*) Newarke, in hope thatt the towne, yeildinge to theire request touchinge theire elleccions hereafter to this parliament ensewinge (yf anie bee), may gayne the frendshipp and favour of those twoe noble families, and have theire assistance too the towne when anie occasion shall [be] offered. 3402, p. 57.

Poore boyes. All those marked with 'one'[3] on the other syde are content to keepe a Child weekely with victualls for one Monethe, to the end they may be better able to mayntayne themselves, and those marked with 'o'[4] have denyed, and the Children are to be kepte att Saint Jones,[5] and there sett on worke. 3402, p. 58.

1627-8, Friday afternoon, January 18.

Saint Johnes:—This Meetinge was aboute settlinge the busynes for Saint Johnes, and to talke with Martyn Hill and Thomas Mesures aboute the settinge some Children on worke presently, and theie are to have x. li. a peice to sett xx. Children on worke there, and to geve securitie to repay the same backe againe att such Convenient tyme as shalbe fittinge, and this Coorse to be observed by them vntill Mayday nexte; and then further as the worke shall prosper and increase.

3402, fo. 60.

1627-8, Wednesday, January 23.

Memorandum, ytt is agreed by Maister Maior, Maister Recorder, the Aldermen, Crowners,[6] Sheriffs, Chamberlaynes, 21 of the Councell, and Nyne of the Cloathinge this day assembled att the Guildhall whose names are in the first page of this booke, Thatt the waites of the town of Nottingham shall have and receave for theire wages from

[1] Quoted inaccurately by Bailey under date November 27th, 1627: *Annals*, vol. ii., pp. 617-618.

[2] *Nisi*, unless, except.

[3] The names of twenty of the Council, including the Mayor, John James, are thus marked.

[4] Five are thus marked.

[5] Saint John's.

[6] Crowners = coroners.

the Inhabitants of the wholl Towne after this yearely Rate and proporcion followinge, vizt., Maister Maior for the tyme beinge and the Aldermen, everie of them fower shillings; The Coroners eche of them iijs.; The Shreves[1] for the tyme beinge iiijs. a peice, the Councell for the tyme beinge everie of them thatt are of ye Clothinge ijs. vjd., the other of the Councell thatt are Commoners xxd. a peice, and the rest of the Cloathinge thatt are nott of the Councell ijs. yearely, and everie of the Commons of the better sortt and Rancke xijd. yearely; and of everie Commoner of the lower Rancke or degree whatt they are well pleased to geve or allowe to the poore men accordinge to theire free and willinge disposicion, and all these payments to be paied yearely att Christmas and Easter; provided thatt the waits doe theire Duties and services accordinge to theire oathes, in walkinge and playinge with theire Instruments assigned therevnto, aswell in the day as in the nighte, for the Creditt and worshipp[2] of the towne, as hathe beene antiently vsed and accustomed. And the Councell beinge Called to consent to this order, the greater partt are Content, as appearethe by the other page before; and further, yf anie be refractorie in the performance hereof, then an officer to be sent with the waites, vpon Complaynt made to Maister Maior, to distrayne the partie soe offendinge in nott performinge the payments aforesaied; and the same to be ordered att his Judgment and discretion as he seethe Cawse. 3402, fo. 61.

1628, Thursday, 17 April.

Common workes:—Ytt is ordered by this Companie thatt the Common workes bothe by draughts[3] and Inhabitants shalbe duely observed and performed accordinge to the Statute in thatt Case made and provided; and yf anie draughte or carryadge shalbe absent or deficient in the performance of this service vpon notice geven, thatt then everie one soe absent with his draughte to pay for everie day vs. to be presently[4] levyed by distresse by ye overseers, and to be ymployed towards the repaires of the highewaies; And whereas dyvers persons doe sett vpp draughts and Carryages att or aboute Midsomer, which is after the tyme lymitted by Statute for commoninge, and yett haue the benifitt of the Commons as freely as anie other

[1] Shreves = Sheriffs.
[2] worship = honor.
[3] draughts, drays, loads, etc.; from AS. *dragen*, to draw, drag.
[4] presently = forthwith.

thatt have Com*m*oned att the appoynted tyme, ytt is alsoe ordered thatt the same p*ar*ties soe erectinge vpp draughts att or aboute thatt tyme shall doe and p*er*forme theire Com*m*on workes att the appoyntm*en*t of the overseers, vpon paine of everie one failinge herein to pay and forfeyte for everie day thatt they are absent vs. as ys abouesaied, to be ymployed towards the repaire of the highwaies accordingly.

3402, fo. 66.

1628, Tuesday, April 29.

Scholemaister. Ytt is agreed by this Companie thatt M*aiste*r Leake shalbe Schoolemaister of the free-schoole in this towne in the place and Roome of M*aiste*r Theobalds, nowe Schoole-M*aiste*r, whoe nowe is preferred to the parsonage of Collwicke, Soe thatt M*aiste*r Theobalds doe resigne the same place vnto M*aiste*r Leake, and M*aiste*r Coates, nowe parson of S*ain*t Peter's, doe lykewise approue of his sufficiencie for the same place and lykewise arbitrate betweene M*aiste*r Theoballs (*sic*) and M*aiste*r Leake whatt shalbe geven for his resignac*i*on; otherwise, in case M*aiste*r Coats doe nott approue him to be sufficient for thatt place, then this Companie, vpon such his Dislyke signifyed to M*aiste*r Maior, to proceed to a newe ellecc*i*on of a Schoolem*aiste*r; and *m*emoran*d*um thatt M*aiste*r Coats approvinge of him before this Companie, All the same Companie went to the Schoole, and gave him possession of the schoole w*i*th M*aiste*r Thibball's (*sic*) consent and lykinge. 3402, fo. 68.

1628, Friday, September 19.

*Sess*m*ent.* This Companie are contented thatt the weekely paym*en*t of the Sessm*en*t shall agayne bee revived, vntil suche tyme as some other convenient meanes may be vsed for the raysinge of Monies to maynetayne S*ain*t Johnes, and thatt the Townes Mill att Goosegatend shall be ymployed, and the p*ro*fitts thereof after the deductions of Chardge to goe wholly for the Mayntenance of the poore att S*ain*t Johnes, and the oversee[r]s of the pore and Churchwardens, w*i*th whatt convenient speed may bee, to meete for the makinge the afores*aie*d Sessm*en*t. And M*aiste*r Perrie[1] and M*aiste*r Littlefare[2] to be overseers of the Mill for this first monethe. 3402, fol. 51.

*Lecturer and M*aister *Coates:*—This Companie are agreed thatt M*aiste*r Coates, in respecte of his well-deservinge and greate paines taken in this towne, and in hope of the Contynuance thereof in

[1] Mr. John Perrie.

[2] Mr. William Littlefare.

succeedinge tymes, to grauntt him the yearly paym*en*t of x. li. w*hi*ch M*aiste*r Caldwell lately had, and the same to be yearely paied him duringe his Contyance[1] here amongste vs as p*ar*son of S*ain*t Peter's by ls.[2] quarterly.. And this same Companie are lykewise pleased to allowe x. li. more to annother lecturer, such one as shall be by the Towne preferred to the same lecturer's place, to be quarterly paied him for this nexte ensewinge yeare, and then to have further Contynuance thereof vpon his good deservinge. 3402, p. 52.

XVIII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Rental.*

1627-8, Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

The wardens of the Tanners for ye leather hall . . .	viijs.
W*illia*m Welch for a tau*er*ne under the newe prison . .	ijs. vjd.
Randle Millner for a Barne nere Cowlane Barr . . .	iiijs.
Edward Garland for a lane betweene the Vicaridge and the howse called the 'Fallcon'	vjd.
The Vicar of S*ain*t Maries for the other halfe . . .	iiijd.
Thomas Harrison, M*aiste*r Hallsworthe for a lane betweene Bereward Lane and S*ain*t James' lane . . .	xijd.
M*istri*s Martyn for her pales in the streete att her howse on the Highe Pavem*en*t late M*aiste*r Bonner's land . .	viijd.
The same for a Baye Windowe in S*ain*t Peter's gate late M*istri*s Seele's land	iiijd.
George Jackson for his encroachm*en*ts and staires on the Towne's grownd amongst the Rop*er*s . . .	xijd.
W*illia*m Westbie for his buildinge before his dore . .	xijd.
The same for a shopp in the Showe Makers'[3] Boothes adioyninge to George Jackson's amongste the rop*er*s .	vjs.
W*illia*m Drewrie for his newe leaneto there	xijd.
John Howett for the flaggs and Reedes in ye Frier-poole .	xxd.
Richard Rynsey for a hole in the Rocke att Castle hill	ijs.[4]

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[1] Contyance = continuance.

[2] *i.e.*, 50s.

[3] Showe-Makers = Shoemakers.

[4] All the above items are repeated in following years.

XIX.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1628-9.

Necessarie Expenses.

Item, p*ai*d to the Ringers of S*ain*t Maries on *Mich*ael*is*[1] Daye . . . . xijd.

*It*em, for Cackes (*sic*) and Ale there . . . . . . ijs.

*It*em, p*ai*d the ringers of S*ain*t Peters on *Mich*ael*is*[1] Daye . . . . xijd.

Item, p*ai*d for beesoms for the hall . . . . . . vjd.

Item, p*ai*d for drivinge the bull into the markett . . iiijd.

Item, p*ai*d for pinshipp of the bull at Lenton, and for fetchinge him home . . . . xxijd.

Item, p*ai*d for browne paper to laye powder in . . ijd.

Item, p*ai*d for horse-hire for lame souldiers that came one Christmas eve . . . . vijs.

Item, given to lame soulders att seu*er*all times vpon m*aister* Maior's note . . . . ijs. vjd.

Item, for money payd for souldiers and passengers, beinge manye and verie often . . . . vs.

Item, for mendinge the p*ri*soners' yrons . . . . xvjd.

Item, given to Irishe people that had seu*er*all passes for theire Conduction towards Scotland . . ijs. vjd.

*It*em, for a Bull for the Towne . . . . . , . xlvijs. viijd.

Item, p*ai*d for the Captayn's wages and other duties for trayninge the com*m*on souldiers . . . . . xvs.

1638, fos. 5-8.

XX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1629, Friday, April 24.

Bull-peice and Bull:—This Companie are agreed thatt Michaell Brightman shall haue the Bull-peice, and keepe the Bull or Bulls for the towne's vse better then heretofore: ytt is thoughte fitt by the companie thatt hee should secure the same by some honest man to passe his word for p*er*formance thereof, thatt noe man shall haue Just cawse to Compleyn, and the same Bull to be wintered yearely vntill

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas. See *ante*.

Mayday, and betaken in a forttnighte after *Mich*ael*is*.[1] [2]*M*emoran*d*um thatt M*aiste*r Morrice hathe geven his word thatt Michael Brightman shall p*er*forme this order; before the Companie 27 Aprill, 1629.

3403, p. 45.

1629, Monday, August 10.

Cowlane:—Ytt is agreed thatt Henrie Wood shall haue a load of hay yearely, payinge vs., for which hey (*sic*) hee is from tyme to tyme yearely to Clense and keepe Cleane the Cowe lane, and to geue order to the neighbours there, thatt they throwe no Mucke to annoy the lane; and hee to receave from them suche further allowance as they are willinge to geue, provided thatt this Agream*en*t doe contyneue noe longer then this companie shall lyke or geue allowance of.

Ib., fo. 48.

1629, Thursday, September 17.

Medowes: Sheep in the fields:—Eastcrofte to be broken on the xxiiijth day of Sept*ember* nexte: This Companie are agreed thatt the Medowes shall nott be broken vntill the fifth day of October nexte, and thatt day the Shepe to be putt into the feilds, and nott before, allthoughe the tyme bee on S*aint* Mathewe's day; and in regard thatt the tyme is soe longe deferred, the Sheepemaisters are to haue tyme longer in the feilds vntill the Nynthe day of Nouember nexte, and noe sheepemaister to putt in more then the Stynt[3] allowed and appoynted by the order. *Ib.*, fo. 49.

XXI.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1629, October 12.

1. Wee pr*e*sent the Leene after Estcroft vnto Snenton forth to want skoweringe, to the anoyance of the meadowes and hinderance of the millnes: *amended.*

2. Wee pr*e*sent Michell Brigh[t]man for not skoweringe the dicke after the Lane side within Westcroft: *vjd.*

5. Wee pr*e*sent Thomas Mallin for not skoweringe his dicke in the close called noman p*ar*te: *paid.*

12. Wee pr*e*sent Thomas Selbie for not keepeinge the diall in repaire at his house end by S*ain*t Mari's Courch:[4] *xijd.*

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas.

[2] This is written immediately under the above.

[3] 'stynt,' limit, or limited number.

[4] Courch = church.



26. Wee present Oempheray Greaves for taking in the Common well, and makinge a buildinge over yt at bottome of the steares neare the Narow Marsh: *paid iiijd.*

27. Wee present Ompheray Greaves for not skoweringe his dicke in the Common houmes: *paid.*

30. We present Roger Darbishire for buildinge of a beamehouse in the Common houmes, contrarye to our likeinge, and all the rest of the beame houses, and wee desire the may all be pulled vp: *iiijd.*

37. Wee present Robert Baker for streuinge the hie way at Sheepe Lane end with his timber: *paid iiijd.*

38. Wee present the hieway betwene Cowlane barr and Fisher gate to bee in decaye: *amended.* 2783.

XXII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1629, October 12.

Per orientem.[1]

Wee present William Recklesse for beatinge the wyefe of John Patten, the vnder pynder, and takinge his Cattle oute of the pynfoulde, and then allsoe lettinge oute other men's cattle thatt then was in the fould, without makinge satisfaccion for them to the parties greved, about the 4th of August last. *Billa vera:*[2] *paid xijd.*

Wee present James Rose for takinge his horse away from the pinder, as hee was goinge with them (*sic*) to the pynfould, aboute the same tyme. *Billa vera:*[2] *xijd.* 76, ro. 4.

By Edward Hargrave.

I doe present George Allein for lea[u]inge a horse vnburied att Saint Nicholas Church lane end: *ijs.*

Item, Francis Ault for foullinge the woman's markett: *xijd.*

Item, John Cooper for Clea[n]singe his priuie, and lea[u]inge it att Saint James lane end vnburied: *vs.* 76, ro. 5.

By John Patten (Under Pinder).

Wee present William Grason for abusinge John Patten, the vnder pinder, in takinge his Cowe to the fould, and beinge rebuked by Maister Parker, late Maior, vsed manie vnfittinge speeches nott beseeminge a Burgesse: *paid ijs. fyne.* 76, ro. 6.

[1] *Translation:* By the East. [2] *Translation:* True Bill.

A presentment per me Thomas Pilling.

Informeacion against George Bland, Turner and Wheele maker, an inhabitant in Summercoates, now vseth his trade in Briddullsmith gate, beinge Tennand to Maister Basford. *xxs. fine: to putt in securitie before the nexte Sessions, to secure the towne of his chardge.*

Informeacion Lykewise against Thomas Pennell for the lyke vseing the same trad: *bound.*

Informeacion against Francis Winfeeld for vseing the trad of Turneing and wheele makeing: *xijd.*

Billa vera:[1] All these weare not prentice to the Trad. Desyreing the worshipfull of the bench good consideracion. And my father and selfe shall euer be bound to pray for their health and happines. Right Worshipfull, if I haue no fauoure at this time, I am determined to Leaue my father and mother, and the[2] ageed and past their workes. 76, ro. 7.

Per occidentem.[3]

We presente John Linlye for sufferinge ale to be deliuered by his servants on the Sabaoth daye, and in dyvine servis tyme: *dead.*

We presente William Watson (*xijd.*) and Gabryell Groues (*xijd.*), Churchwardens in Saint Marye's Parish, for not repayreinge the fence aboute the Church yarde, and for sufferinge swine to roote itt vpp:

We present Hewgh Dobson for sufferinge a Carte with menor[4] in itt to stand in the street over againste the Kinge's hall: *ijs.*

We presente John Watson for thatt his servants doe Caste filth into the Rowell[5] near Mistris Cranwell's howse: *paid vjd.* 76, ro. 10.

Per Constabularios.[6]

Wee present Thomas Jorden for not bringing in his watch nor Commone worke: *vs.*

Wee present Stare, one of ye waites, for keeping ale one licenct:[7] *xxs.*

We present Richard Gorse for his Chilldren anoying ye street with filth. *Paid vjd.* 76, ro. 12.

Per orientem.[8]

Item, we present Anne Hynde, Wyddow, for wyllfully puttinge

[1] *Translation:* True Bill.
[2] the = they.
[3] *Translation:* By the West.
[4] menor = manure.
[5] See *ante.*
[6] *Translation:* By the Constables.
[7] *i.e.*, unlicensed.
[8] *Translation:* By the East.

hire swyne into Saint Marie's Churche yarde, whiche deserves a great punyshment: *6d.* 76, ro. 14.

1629, November 5.

Rich*ard* Jackson, of the towne of Nott*ingham*, linnen-drap*er*, affirmeth that Humfrey Wallis, as he suposeth, had beene drinkinge, and Came thorowe Walser gate, and, in the sight and heareinge of the said Richard, said hee would take Willi*a*m Hall, the bellman, his bell from him, sweringe he would breake itt, and soe went to meet the s*ai*d William Hall, and offered to pull his bell from him, and when hee Could not gett it, he stroke the said Willi*a*m w*i*th a Crabb-tree Cudgell, and thinketh yf hee had not defended him self well, hee would haue endangered his life, for hee broke the Cudgell w*i*th the violent strikinge of him.

Richard Jackson.

Will*ia*m Hall alsoe affirmeth that the said Humfrey Wallis did Come vpon him, and offered to pull his bell from him, and when hee Could not gett itt, hee stroke him, as Richard Jackson hathe afirmed, and soe desireth that the good behavior may be graunted against him, the said Humfrey Wallis. William Hall. 76, ro. 29.

XXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1629, Tuesday, November 24.

Cornelius Launder:—This Companie are nott Willinge thatt Cornelius Launder shall be made Burgesse, in regard theire bee allreddy twoe pewterers in the towne who haue children and apprentices thatt are reddy to sett vpp trade themselves; and therefore noe necessitie as yett to geve him addmittance as a Burgesse.

3404, fo. 52.

XXIV.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1629-30.

Item, pa*i*d for a coate for the bellman: *xiijs. vjd.*

Item, to Rodes for whippinge a woeman: *iiijd.*

Item, pa*i*d for lead tokens and strings for the poore people: *ijs. ijd.*

1639, p. 4.

XXV.—*Letter to the Mayor and Aldermen appointing the 3rd October for Training Soldiers, etc.*

1625-1630?[1]

After our very harty Com*m*endac*i*ons: Whereas we haue receiued l*ett*ers from the lords of his ma*jesty's* most hono*ura*ble priuy counsell, for the veiweing, trayning and putting in a reddines of all the forces, both horse and foote in theis parts: And haueing by vertue of the said l*ett*ers appointed Tuesday, the third of October next, for the veiweing of part of the said forces at Nottingham, haue therefore thought it requisite to giue you notice thereof, requireing you to make shewe before his Ma*jesty*'s said com*in*g there, vpon thaforesaid day, of all such forces as at this present you stand chardged w*it*hall; And that none be absent, for that by the foresaid l*ett*ers there [are] none of his Ma*jesty*'s seruants in ordinary, noe, nor the Clergiemen, at this tyme, and from this seruice, to be excused. Thus com*m*itting you to the tuition of thalmightie, we rest

Yo*u*r very loueing frends
J. Holles.
Wyllughby. Jo. Thornaghhoffe.
John Wood.[2] 4648.

XXVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1629-30, January 18.

Articles shewinge the misdemeaners and evell behavior of James Rose, of the Towne of Nottingham.

1. Firste, hee is a man of Turbulent Speritt, and vncivell behavior, and verie apte to quarrell Amongste his Neighbours.

2. Seacondly, beinge in Companie w*i*th three or foure of his Neighbours on the xviijth of Februarie last, beinge distempered w*i*th drincke, as verie often hee vsethe to bee, Did there most vncivelly revile and abuse one Humfrey Roberts w*i*th most wicked speeches, not onely thereby provokinge the Companie to the breach of his Maj*est*ie's peace, that hee might take some advantage in lawe against

[1] There are only decayed fragments of this letter, and the date does not appear, but it probably belongs to the earlier part of Charles I.'s reign.

[2] Portions of the signatures are torn off. The letter is indorsed, 'To the right wors*hip*f*u*ll, our very loueing frend M*aister* Maior of ye towne of Nottingham, and the aldermen his brethren.'

some of them, butt alsoe by his gesture and scandalous misdemeanors and termes, as much as in him laye, to make a separac*i*on betweene the said Humfrey Roberts and his wife, beinge honest, orderly, and Cevell Neighbours.

3. Thirdly, att the same time, and before the same Companie then p*re*sent, hee fell into an outerage w*i*th the Companie, because they p*er*swaded him to quiettnes and patience, vsinge many bawdy and fillthie tearmes, to the great offence of the Companie.

4. Fourthly, hee is a Com*m*on frequenter of Alehouses, and when hee is Druncke, Cares nott to whome, or of what p*er*sons hee may vent his Drunken vncivell tearmes, as many of his Neighbours haue allreddy found by experience, to theie great greife and vexac*i*ons.

5. Lastly, the said James Rose hath and doth Contynually indeavor to sett debate and strife betweene the said Humfrey Roberts and his wyfe, and all theire Neighbours by p*er*swadinge them that the said Humfrey and his wyfe doe seeke all theire overthrows as much as in them lyeth, w*hi*ch scandall is most false and vntrewe, And alsoe dothe hinder and molest the servants of the said Humfrey Roberts beinge sent about his lawfull buisines. *Billa vera: Homfridus Roberts, juratus.*[1] 76, ro. 46.

Per orientem.[2]

Imprimis, we p*re*sent Rob*er*t Collinsonne, of the p*a*rishe of Saint Marie's, above the age [of] three score years, for nott Comynge to the Churche by the space of three monethes Last past.

Item, we p*re*sent Thomas Walker, of the p*a*rishe of Saint Peeters, above the age of thirtie, for the lyke.

Item, we p*re*sent Catherin Cooke, of the p*a*rishe of Saint Peeters, above the age [of] fortie, for the Lyke.

Item, we present Elizabeth Nyxe, the wyfe of Leonard Nyxe, Junior, above the age of twentie, for the Lyke.

Item, we p*re*sent Hewe Parke for an Eyving's Dropper,[3] standinge and harknynge at M*aister* Rych*ard* Cowlishaes wyndow, in his yarde, above a quarter of one hower, about 16 Decem*ber*: *ijs. vjd.*

Item, we p*re*sent M*aister* Nycholas Masten, for Sufferinge his dreane water to be kepte in a well, and then beinge thear heald so Longe, that the stinke and odious smell of it is verie noysome, to the great hurte of neyghbors and other passengers: *fyned.*

[1] *Translation:* True Bill: Humphrey Roberts, sworn.

[2] *Translation:* By the East.

[3] Eyving's Dropper = eavesdropper.



Item, we present John Smyth, Brasier, for keepinge verie ill Rule in his howse at vnlawfull tymes in the nyght, on Saturday nyght last, to the great disquietnes of his neyghbors: *vs.*

Item, we present Hew Parke for nott Sellinge a quart of alle for a pennye, the fyfte of September last: *xxs.* 76, ro. 47.

XXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1629-30, Monday, February 22.

Mills:—[1]This Companie are agreed thatt a mocion shall be made in thexchequer this nexte tearme, in the Towne's name, by Bill or otherwise, as shalbe aduised by Councell, for the suppressinge of all the Mills in this towne, excepte the Towne's Mills onely, thatt the rents may be better paied, and that the Towne may benifitt thereby, either in the further increase of theire revenewe, or otherwise, as shall [be] aduised: Maister Widoson to solicite the same. 3404, p. 53.

1629-30, Monday, March 22.

St. Anne Well.—[2]This Companie havinge had some conference this day aboute the meetinge att Saint Anne well on Black-monday[3] nexte, and consideringe the antient vse thereof, and lykewise Conceivinge thatt the first begynninge thereof was in yttselfe to a good end, and the Contynance[4] lawdable, bothe in ye former and the future tymes, yf the abuses bee taken away; ytt is therefore ordered and agreed, thatt from henceforthe the same assembly shall contynewe and be held by Maister Maior, Maister[s] Aldermen, the Coroners, Sheriffs, Councell and Clothinge, as hertofore; and that Maister Maior, Maister[s] Aldermen, the Coroners, Sheriffs, The Towneclarke, and the Steward shall pay there for themselves and wyefes (whether they haue anie or nott,[5] or whether they bee present or absent), ijs.; and all the rest of the Clothinge and Councell, lykewise whether they bee present or absent, xviijd.; and thatt everie one soe to goe shall geve his attendance on Maister Maior att his howse, and wayte on him bothe goinge and Cominge; and thatt everie one thatt haue [*sic*] wyues, shall lykewise wishe them to attend on Mistris Maioris, as hathe been antiently vsed; And thatt yf anie of the aforenamed of the Aldermen, Coroners, Sheriffs, Councell, Cloathinge and others shall make defalte, in nott Accompaninge or attendinge of Maister Maior

[1] Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 623.
[2] Quoted by Bailey, *ibid.*, p. 620.
[3] Easter Monday.
[4] continuance.
[5] These words are italicized in Bailey.

(vnlesse he or they shalbe lycenced by M*aiste*r Maior for the tyme beinge), [he or they] shall pay for everie defaulte xijd., to the vse of the pore of S*ain*t Joane's, over and besydes the Rates formerly by them to be paied for theire dynners. 3404, fos. 56 and 57.

1630, Monday, April 5.

S*ain*t *Johnes:* This meetinge was to confer w*i*th m*aiste*r Launcelott Curtis and M*aiste*r Anthonie Curtys, and Martyn Hill touchinge the paym*en*t of the C li. nowe due, 10 Aprilis, 1630; and all Martyn Hill can demaund from the towne is xlviijs. for teachinge; and the towne are content to allowe him ls. where w*i*th they are all there well contented; and vpon the paym*en*t of the 100 li., the Companie to deale w*i*th them further as they shall see cawse.

And for the C li. nowe due on the 10th day of Aprill, 1630, for w*hi*ch bothe M*aiste*r[s] Curtys haue geven bond, the towne are nowe content, in regard of M*aiste*r Curtys' losses hee pretends[1] hee hathe lost by Martyn Hill, to geue them tyme for the 100 li. thus: 30 li. att Midsom*m*er nexte: 20 li. att Lam*m*as after; 27 li. att o*u*r Lady Day, 1631; and 20 li. att o*u*r Lady Day, 1632; and the abatement of the iij li. of this 100 li. ys in regard of monies hee claymes for teachinge, and for a close hee nowe p*ar*tts w*i*th. And M*aiste*r Anthonie Curtys and Martyn Hill thincke themselves well pleased herew*i*th; and Martyn Hill hath deliu*er*ed in his Articles to be made voyed, and bothe M*aiste*r[s] Curtys are to geue securitie for these paym*en*ts accordingly. And the Companie are w*i*th all convenient speed to take further order for a newe p*ro*vision and gov*er*nor for the pore children, and howse of Correcc*i*on, as by lawe some of them are required. 3404, fos. 57-8.

XXVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630, April 12.

Per occidentem.[2]

We present James Riggitt, senior, Bucher, for sellinge of a messilld[3] swyne on Saturdaye last, beinge ye ninth of Aprill, in our markett shambles: *ijs.*

We presente the waye betwixt ye newe bridge and ye washinge stayers for beinge outt of Repayre: *Camerarii.*[4]

[1] *i.e.*, alleges.
[2] *Translation:* By the West.
[3] *i.e.*, measled.
[4] *Translation:* The Chamberlains.

We present Michaell Brightmore forr not skoweringe the ditch att East Crofte yate: *vjd.*

We desire y*a*t you would be pleased to Rayle in ye Poole at Cheanye bridge for feare of future danger: *done.* 76, ro. 87.

1630, April 23.

M*aiste*r Viccars, his obiecc*io*ns against M*ist*ris Lea and her daughter, touchinge his Child's vsage.

M*ist*ris Lea, contrary to our bargaine and couenants in her bond, hath all this time taught my daughter but one kind of worke, w*hi*ch she could haue done before she went to her; also sent her daily abrode of arrands daily, whereas she was bound to hold her to her needle only, and to teach her all kinds of work.

Likewise, her daughter Elizabeth Lea kept her diuers nights, but two extraordinarily,[1] one at Christmas till 5 a clock i'th' morning, the other of Easter day till 3 in the morning.

Also the said Elizabeth Lea told my wife that M*istri*s Lea, her mother, commended my daughter for not remembring what Ma*iste*r Cotes said in his Sermon, w*i*th these words: 'Did he not raile of me?' for he doth nothing but raile against papists.

Elizabeth Lea threatend her to tie her to a bed post, and to vse her as neuer any was vsed, which causeth my child to quake and tremble when shee comes in her sight. 76, ro. 96.

XXIX.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1630, April 23.

8. *Item*, wee p*re*sent Henry Sherwin for plowing vp the town's ground in the clay feild neare the beck syde: *vs.*

9. *Item*, wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Hunt for not making vs a way in his ladye's Closse according to custome: *xijd.*

38. *Item*, wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r William Nix for incroching vpon the towne's ground in Cole pitt lane w*i*th new quicksetts: *vs.*

44. *Item*, wee p*re*sent Stony street being in great decay for want of pauing: *Camerarii.*[2]

45. *Item*, wee p*re*sent Hungate for not having a causye y*a*t people cannot carry the dead corps to the church: *Camerarii.*[2]

46. *Item*, wee p*re*sent Fishar gate to bee in great decay for want of pauing. 2784.

[1] extraordinarily = in particular.

[2] *Translation:* The Chamberlains.



XXX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1630, June 15.

Maister Richard Parker:—And memorandum, thatt this day Maister Maior appoynted Maister William Nixe, Maister [John] Alvey, Maister [William] Hopkyn, and Maister [Roger] Derbishire to vewe the acre of ground thatt hath beene lost from the Schoole these viij. yeares, and ytt appeares thatt John Smithe havinge William Collishawe's partt in the meddowes, beinge the Schoole land, And fyndinge the same nott to be soe muche as was letten vnto William Colleshawe, the saied Smith by appoyntment of Maister Maior thatt then was, tooke the saied acre, and layed ytt to his other grownd; all which was, after William Collishawe's decease, lett to William Morley, and William Morley's wyefe hathe nowe lett the same to James Sutyn, buttcher, whoe holds ytt all in her righte, vizt the acre and halfe, and the other acre soe longe missinge, and all for ixs. viijd., soe thatt nowe ytt appeares by John Smithe thatt this acre ys in James Sutyn's occupacion. 3404, p. 60.

XXXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630, July 19.

Per occidentem.[1]

We presente Maister Roberte Egginton for puttinge more Cattell into ye medowes then his stinte,[2] Contrary to ye Coystome of ye towne: *iijs. iiijd.*

We presente John Borrowes, Cordwayner, for makeinge a nusance in sweepeinge myre into ye Channells: *vjd.*

We presente Richarde Hodgkin for ye like: *vjd.*

Wee presente Maister George Wyddowson for takeinge Certayne partes in East Crafte, and lettinge the same agayne to forrayners:[3] *ijs.*

Wee present Anthonye Wylde for puttinge of a skabed horse ynto Saint Peter's Church yarde: *fyned.*

We desire yat the wayc in Hungate maye be mended, yat their maye be passage to Carrye ye dead Corpes to the Churche, and allsoe Carridges in ye winter tyme.[4] 76, ro. 114.

[1] *Translation:* By the West.

[2] stinte = allowance. See *ante.*

[3] *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

[4] See also Mickletorn Jury presentments for April 23.

XXXII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1630, Monday, August 23.

Sheepe:—This Companie are agreed thatt the order towchinge sheepe shalbe reduced to this certenty: (Nottw*i*thstandinge the former, orders therein), vizt, thatt everie Burgesse shall haue 6 score sheepe in the feilds, to be com*m*onable there, from the xxxth day of September yearely vntill the fourthe day of Nouember yearely; and those sheepe to be his owne, w*i*th relac*i*ons as in the former order. 3404, fo. 64.

1630, Monday, September 13.

This Companie are agreed thatt m*aiste*r Maior, m*aiste*r James, m*aiste*r Nixe, and m*aiste*r Greaves thatt haue nowe Vndertaken to sincke a pitt or pitts in the townes woods and wasts, in hope (by the favours of god), to fynde coales there, and all others thatt shall nowe, before the worke begynne, adventure a partt or proporc*i*on of monie, shall have oute of the workes and Coales, for everie xxs. laied oute v. li., and soe after thatt Rate; and thatt after the worke begin, none shall be admitted to adventure in anie wise, and the saied vndertakers to have such woods oute of the townes Copies and wasts as shall be needfull for the workes, the same to be sett oute and allowed them by suche p*er*sons as are appoynted by the order touchinge the fellinge the towne's woods; and this Companie, in example, haue pr*o*mised to aduenture such som*m*es as are sett on theire heads, and to pay the same before the workes be begun, and certen p*er*sons are lykewise required to goe throwe the seu*er*all wards to enforme the Com*m*on Burgesses thereof, and to knowe whoe, and whatt som*m*e, they will aduenture for the p*er*forminge the same worke; and lykewise this Companie are from tyme to tyme to assist theise Vndertakers as theire shalbe cawse, and everie one adventuringe vpon the sale of the Coles soe gotten, to be allowed for theire monies adventured, after the Rates of fyue pounds for everie xxs. soe adventured.

3404, fos. 65-6.

1630, Monday, September 20.

*M*aister *Lightfoote:* This Companie are willinge to geve allowance thatt m*aiste*r Samuell Lightfoote, an Vniversitie man, att the request of m*aiste*r Leake, the Schoolemaister, and by the approbac*i*on of m*aiste*r Coats and m*aiste*r Goodwyn, ministers, and others, (whoe are well satissfyed of his sufficiencie for thatt purpose), shalbe vsher of the freeschoole in the place of m*aiste*r Burrowes, and shall lykewise

haue and receave the vsuall wages and benifitts therevnto belonginge, in hope thatt the saied m*aiste*r Lightefoote will be carefull in the same place, and hereafter geue thatt content thatt shalbe well pleasinge to the Companie, and the gen*er*all good of the wholl towne.

3404, fo. 66.

1630, Monday, September 27.

*Th*omas *Morrice*: *Edw*ard *Barnes*:—This Companie doe hould ytt fitt thatt there shall be twoe officers appoynted to[1] serve in the Romthe of John Day; and M*aiste*r Maior and the Aldermen here present havinge named and appoynted Thomas Morrice and Edward Barnes to serve as Beadles in this towne, the Companie are agreed thatt they shall receave yearely from the towne for theire wages viij. li., to be paied them by xxs. a peice everie quarter, and the other profitts to be equally receaved betweene them; p*ro*vided thatt Thomas Morrice shall onely attend the hall, and att M*aiste*r Maior's howse, as there shalbe occasion; and for wayinge of Butter, sealinge of Clothe, and other necessarie busynes, to be weekely done by such officers, shalbe p*er*formed by them in a Monthly order and Coorse; butt bothe of them to walke the towne for the orderinge of the poore, and keepinge oute Rouges[2] and vacabounds,[3] in suche manner as shall be appoynted them by M*aiste*r Maior for the tyme beinge; and yf either of them neglecte theire Dutyes herein, then annother to be appoynted in the same office; and the Chamberlaynes allwayes to allowe them Yearely att Christmas viijs. a peice towards theire coats, vpon theire good behaviors; And thatt lykewise they shalbe overseers of the howse of Correcc*i*on, and geve theire attendance there dayly in a Monthly order, as they shalbe com*m*anded by M*aiste*r Maior for the tyme beinge, and to execute such orders and punishm*en*ts vpon offenders there, as shalbe com*m*anded them att everie quarter Sessions by the Justices then present. 3404, fo. 67.

XXXIII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1630, October 10.

6. Wee p*re*sent John Bucher for turneinge his Cattell louse[4] in the night in teatheringe time: *vs.*

[1] to,] 'in,' MS.
[2] Rouges = rogues.
[3] Vacabounds = vagabonds.
[4] louse = loose.

10. Wee p*re*sent George Walker for taking A burgesse p*ar*te, and Sellinge yt to A farenner: *iijs. iiijd.*

12. Wee p*re*sent William Leake for harboringe men sarvants and Chilldren in the night, at A vnlawfull time, beinge the xjth of October: *xs.*

13. Wee p*re*sent Fisher gate to bee in decaye for want of pavinge: *Camerarii.*[1]

17. Wee p*re*sent m*aister* John James, Alderman, for incroshinge into the Com*m*on homes, with his headge in his Lime yarde, more then was let him: *rented.*

1630, Michaelmas.

11. Wee p*re*sent Thomas Jackson for incroshinge one the Pinder Fee, by the Longe hedge, by settinge of stakes: *xijd.*

20. Wee p*re*sent Densell Ouldum for makinge A shopp before his house in the Broade Marsh end: *xijd.*

21. Wee p*re*sent M*ist*ris Marye Walker for incroshinge with her pales one the towne wast, neare Grefreer gate.

22. Wee p*re*sent Morris Baggulay for his house standing some p*ar*te one the towne ground neare Greafreer gate: *rented.*

23. Wee p*re*sent M*ist*ris Marye Walker for makinge A house of office over the rowell:[2] *xijd.*

31. Wee p*re*sent the hie way in Gouse gate end, neare vnto Hocklay, to bee in decaye: *amended.*

32. Wee p*re*sent William Parker for buildinge A shoppe before his dore one the Longe Rowe: *rented.* 2784.

XXXIV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630, October 11.

Per occidentem.[3]

We p*re*sente Samuel Willdye for sufferinge sundrye persons to drinke in his house the 22nd of September last past till their shott Came to 7s., and, in the end, fell out aboutt the payinge of itt: *xs.*

We p*re*sente Roberte White for sufferinge Hewgh Leadbetter and Richard Brightmore to drinke in his howse till the quarrelled and fought: *xs.* 75, ro. 8.

[1] *Translation:* The Chamberlains. sewer.

[3] *Translation:* By the West.

Per Constabularios.[1]

Wee presente M*aiste*r Robert Parker, ald*erman*, for beinge absente Two dayes from Com*m*on Worke. *xs.*

We present hime for sufering his mastye Dogg to go vnmosled, being very vnruly: *reformed.*

Wee present Georg Walker, the weaver, for keeping vnruly Companye in his house all night, beinge the seaventh of August, and beinge toulde of it by the Watchmen, said if it weare to do ageane, he would do itt: *xs.*

Wee present the said Georg Walker for vsinge vnlawfull Games vpon the Sabothe dayes, as Tables and other games: *xs.* 75, ro. 12.

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1630, Monday, November 22.

[2]M*aiste*r [Richard] P*ar*ker, Alderman
M*aiste*r [William] Nixe
M*aiste*r [Gabriel] Bateman
M*aiste*r [Roger] Derbishire
Thomas Jackson

are required to buy for the vse of the poore of this towne, soe soone as conveniently may bee, xx. quarters of barley, and fyue quarters of pease, and weekely to deliu*er* by pecks and halfe-pecks to the pore, accordinge to the greatenes or n*u*mber of theire families, and att some reasonable prices, vnder the markett; and the losse to be from tyme to tyme borne by the towne; and that, as the same is or shalbe spent there, other men to be appoynted to supplie this service, aswell in Buyinge and sellinge, as in the deliu*er*ie thereof to the pore as aforesaied.

Dyers and Clothworkers:—This day the companie of the Dyers and Clothworkers moved this Companie for a Confirmac*i*on of theire ordinances, and the same beinge redd, this companie doe well approue of the same ordynances, soe thatt the same occupac*i*on, from tyme to tyme, yearly, att or before the Chamberlaynes accompte, doe pay to the vse of the Corporac*i*on, in regard of theire assistance and allowance thereof, the some of xls. togeather w*i*th such other p*ro*fitts as shall yearely arise or growe to the benifitt of the Corporac*i*on, by reason of the penalties or forfeytures menc*i*oned in the saied ordynances.

3405, p. 48.

[1] *Translation:* By the Constables. [2] Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 624.

1630, Monday, December 6.

Shopps and Stalls: Ytt is ordered from henceforth, thatt noe Burgesse or other person within this towne thatt hathe and holdethe a shopp or a stall from the towne as tenant att will, and nott by lease, shall, directly or indirectly, passe away anie shopp or stall thatt hee holdethe from the towne, before the said parties, seller and taker, doe first come before the Companie att theire nexte meetings, and theire make theire contracts knowne to the Companie of the Common Councell, and haue theire allowance and approbacion to suche contracte or passinge awaye; vpon payne to the parties offendinge herein to forfeyte v. li. to the vse of the Corporacion, and the same shopp or stall to be then in the towne's handes, to dispose of the same as this companie shall thincke fittinge. 3405, fo. 49.

XXXVI.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1630-1.

Necessarie Expenses.

Item, for Clensinge the house of office in the old barrs, and makinge vp the wall and hole againe . . . xxvs. iijd.

1640, fo. 3.

Item, paid to boye-Clothes for three boyes that went voluntarie Souldiers . . . . xxs.

Item, paid the drummers for Midsommer even . . . ijs.

Item, for makinge of eleaven paire of indentures for prentices put forth, beinge poore orphans . . xis.

1640, fo. 6.

XXXVII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630-1, January 17.

Per occidentem.[1]

We desire and Intreat yt their maye be some redress and order taken for the poor, ether to sett them on worke to cloth making, or ells thatt every man maye be cessed accordinge to his abillitie, yt soe they may be kept att home, and restraind from swarmeinge in our streetes, as they doe, bouth ould and yonge; or ells yt every man maye kepe his oune tenants.

[1] *Translation:* By the West.

Allsoe we desire yt notice may be giuen both too wydowe Barnes the Elder, a*n*d allsoe wydowe Barnes ye yonger, yt they may be restraind from kepeinge of LinColne markett, wher we are credilbie (*sic*) Informed yt the sicknes doth Increase very sore of late tyme: *done.*

75, ro 36.

XXXVIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1630-1, Wednesday, January 26.

Eastcrofte:—This Companie are agreed thatt Eastcrofte shall nott be lett from henceforth for sheepe to be putt in winter tyme, butt thatt the tenants shall haue and enioye the same as heretofore ytt hath beene antiently vsed, in regard the tenants doe pay xxxjs. of increase of Rent, to haue the same reserved to themselves in winter for the betteringe theire sommer profitts.

Armitage:[1]—Ytt is agreed thatt M*aiste*r [Richard] Recklesse, M*aiste*r [Joh*n*] Perrie, and Rob*ert*t Gaskoyne and Tho*mas* Whittington, by the ouersighte[2] of the Bridgemaisters, shall dyvide the Armitage[1] into twoe equall p*ar*tts, by dittchinge the same or otherwise, as the Bridgm*aiste*rs shall thincke meete; M*aiste*r Recklesse and M*aiste*r Perrie to haue one Moitie, and Rob*ert*t Gaskoyne and Thomas Whittington to haue the other p*ar*tt; and soe they to enioye them for theire Burgesse p*ar*tts att the rents they nowe are att.

3405, fo. 50.

XXXIX.—*Deed of Gift for the Help of Young Burgesses, etc.*

1630-1, February 8.

TO ALL Chr*isti*an people to whom this present writinge shall come: Robert Staples, of the Towne of Nottingham, gent*leman*, late one of the Aldermen of the saied Towne, sendeth greetinge in o*u*r Lord God Everlastinge: Knowe yee me the saied Robert Staples, for and in Considerac*i*on of the great loue and affection w*hi*ch I beare to the Corporac*i*on of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and for the better helpe, advancem*en*t, and preferm*en*t of the yonge thrivinge Burgesses therein that haue Trades and occupac*i*ons, yett want stocke to sett vppe or exercise the same, To haue geven, and by this my present writinge doe geue, vnto the Maior and Burgesses of the saied towne of Nottingham, and to their Successors for ever, the somme of fortie pounds in reddie monie, to remaine and to be lent to Eighte yonge

[1] *i.e.*, Hermitage. [2] *i.e.*, superintendence.

men and Burgesses of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and inhabitinge w*i*thin the same Towne, by equall porc*i*ons, att five pounds a man, and for sixe whole yeares, freelie and w*i*thout payeinge any Interest or other Considerac*i*on for and in respect of the same; the saied Eighte[1] Burgesses puttinge in good securitie for the prepayme*n*t thereof att the end of the saied terme of sixe yeares, in such manner and forme as the p*er*sons hereafter named to haue the Ellecc*i*on and nominac*i*on of the same Eighte Burgesses shall direct and appointe: AND after the same Eighte Burgesses haue held and enioyed the same fortie pounds, att five pounds a man as aforesaied, and for and duringe the terme of sixe whole yeares as aforesaied, then other Eighte Burgesses of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and inhabitinge w*i*thin the saied Towne, to haue the same fortie pounds bye equall porc*i*ons, att five pounde a man, for the Terme of other sixe yeares, puttinge in securitie for repayeme*n*t thereof as aforesaied: AND soe the same order and Rate of five pounds to a man, soe to be lent as aforesaied, shall haue Continuance in the same Towne of Nottingham from sixe yeares to sixe yeares forever. The same Eighte Burgesses from tyme to tyme to bee nominated, Ellected, Chosen and appointed by Alexander Staples, my kinsman, nowe one of the Aldermen of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and Robert Greaves, nowe Towne clarke of the same Towne, duringe their naturall lives, and duringe the life of the Survivor of them the saied Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves. AND after the deathe and decease of them the saied Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves, and the Survivor of them, then the same Eight Burgesses to be named, Ellected, chosen and apointed from tyme to tyme, and att all tymes hereafter forever, by the Maior, Recorder, Aldermen and Towneclarke of the same Towne of Nottingham, or the greater p*ar*tt of them for the tyme beinge, and their Successors forever. IN WITNES whereof, I the saied Robert Staples to bothe p*ar*tts of this Indenture haue putt my Hand and Seale the viiith day of Februarie, in the sixte yeare of the Raigne of o*u*r Sou*er*aigne lord Charles, by the grace of God kinge of England, Scotland, Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the faieth, etc. 1630.[2] 4654.

[1] 'Eaighte,' MS.

[2] The signature and seal of Robert Staples are appended to the original document, which was also 'sealed and delivered in the presence of Alex. Staples, Ald. Ro. Greaves, [and] Richard Lovett.' There is an indorsement, dated January, 1828, by Mr. H. Enfield, the then Town Clerk, that 'there is not any mention of this Money in the Corporation Year-Books since the Year 1695.'

XL.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1631, April 4.

Coram Maiore et omnibus Aldermannis.[1]

[2]Roger Ryly saithe thatt John Pepper tould him att Mansfeild thatt M*aiste*r [John] James, Ald*erman*, had receaved a Barrell of beare for a bribe of him this exam*yna*t, and thatt itt was a starr-chamber matter:

Pepper saith thatt none can be punished for nott sellinge a quartt of Ale for a pennie by the lawe of *primo Jacobi*,[3] for thatt the same statute is expired, and hee would [be] Justifyed.

Rob*er*t P*ar*ker saith thatt Pepper tould him, att Mansfeild, thatt M*a*ister [John] James, Alder*man*, had receaved a Barrell of beare for a bribe from Roger Ryley. 3405, p. 72.

1631, August 15.

M*aiste*r Maior, M*aiste*r Recklesse, M*aiste*r Parker, M*aiste*r Dodsley, M*aiste*r Cooke, M*aiste*r Nixe, M*aiste*r Bateman, Walter Edmons, W*illia*m Wattson, Thomas Jackson, M*aiste*r James, M*aiste*r Collishawe, M*aiste*r Gregorie, M*aiste*r Hynde, M*aiste*r Baguley, M*aiste*r Staples, M*aiste*r Derbishire:—These are required to oversee thatt everie howsholder in theire seu*er*all wards shall in p*er*son ward the towne in the day-tyme by coorse, as the wattche goes, to the end thatt all those thatt shall come to the towne from places visited,[4] or suspected to be visited, may be restrayned; and the asistants appoynted to everie Alderman to be carefull in his absence for callinge the howse-holders for p*er*formance of this service. 3405, fo. 57.

1631, *Monday*, December 12.

Mills:—[5]This Companie are agreed thatt the sute begone formerly in M*aiste*r Staples' tyme, against those thatt haue forrayne Mills, to the hurtt and hinderance of the towne, shall goe on the nexte tearme, w*i*thall expedic*i*on; and then the towne's ten*an*ts of theire Mills to be dellte w*i*th for theire tearmes, as the Companie can compound w*i*th them, soe thatt the benefitt thereof may wholly come to the towne's vse. 3406, p. 42.

[1] *Translation:* In the presence of the Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

[2] This entry is noticed by Bailey under date 1630, vol. ii, p. 624.

[3] *Translation:* First of James.

[4] visited = plague-stricken.

[5] Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 623.

XLI.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1631-2.

Necessarie Expense.

December: *Item* for holly and Ivye for the hall . . ijd.

Februarie: *Item*, for makinge twoe formes, and the feete and backs sett in the armorie at the hall . . iiijs. xd.

Item, for 32 hooks to hange the bucketts in the hall . iijs. iijd.

1641, fo. 5.

Item, paid William Jackson for paintinge the Cloth in the Town's hall, and for nayles to sett it vp . xxvs.

Item, paid for a brand to marke Cattell . . . ijs.

Ibid., fo. 8.

Item, for 3 proclamacions, j. for Lent, j. for gentlemen to reside in theire Countrie, 1 for the King's evell . vijs. vjd.

Ibid., fo. 10.

Reparacions.

Item, for glasinge and mendinge the hall windowes . xs.

Item, for mendinge the higheway att free schoole . ijs. vjd.

Ib., fo. 12.

Imprimis, paid for exchange of the Town's pewter as appears by the bill . . . . xviijs. vjd.

Item, for carriage of stoops[1] and rayles to the Hollowston and Broadlane, and layinge them at the Rowell[2] in Listergate . . . . ijs. vjd.

Item, for bords, nayles, and mendinge the Shambles dores, and the pillorie . . . . iiijs.

Item, for wood, and makinge a shutt rayle in Goose gate vs.

Ib., fo. 13.

Item, for hewinge downe both the ways without Chappell Barr, and at Foxe Lane end . . . . v. li. xiijs. iiijd.

Item, for makeinge the beadle and Constables' staves . iiijs. xd.

Item, for halfe a thousand of bricks for the rowell[2] att Hungate . . . . xs.

Item, for mendinge the doores and lockes at the lether Chambers . . . . xiijd.

Item, paid Somers and his man for tylinge the Spice chambers and Shambles . . . . . . xjs. ijd.

Ib., fo. 14.

[1] 'stoops,' rails. [2] 'Rowell,' sewer.

Item, for mendinge the place for the Markett bell, and hanginge the bell . . . . iiijs. viijd.

Item, for pauinge on Longe Rowe and other plac[e]s, and Carriage of sand and rubbishe . . . vs. vjd.

Item, p*ai*d Robert Baker for 3 stoops[1] in Hungate . vs.

Item, for a Cord to tye the woman in the cuckstoole, and mendinge a wheelebarrow, and a new key . jxd.

Item, for mendinge the town's racks . . . . xd.

Item, for sauderinge the gutters at the hall . . . iijs. vjd.

Ib., fo. 15.

Item, for hayre to blend w*i*th lyme . . . . ijs. jxd.

Item, p*ai*d for settinge vp the Armes in the hall . . xijd.

Item, p*ai*d for mendinge the waye in the Wood Lane . iijs.

Item, for settinge stepps nere the pillorie . . . vjd.

Ib., fo. 16.

XLII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1632, Monday, April 9.

Preacher for Saint Maries: This Companie are contented to allowe to a preachinge minister in S*ain*t Maries parishe (suche an one as m*aiste*r Hansbie and the parishe shall agree to electe), x. li. for this yeare, to be paied quarterly by the Bridgem*aiste*rs oute of theire receipts; and soe to have contynewance for further tyme, as this companie shall thincke fittinge, and accordinge to the desertt or qualitie of the same preacher soe to be ellected as aforesaied.

3406, p. 44.

1632, Monday, June 19.

Tith hay lett for 2 yeares:—This companie are agreed thatt Thomas Jackson and Homfrey Greaves shall haue the Tithe-hay in the feilds and medowes of this towne, as hath beene vsed to be taken by the Schollwardens, from May day last, for twoe yeares, they payinge xviij. li. p*er* Ann*um* to the Schollwardens before *Mich*aelis[2] yearely, and allowinge to the 49 Burgesses theire loads of hay, as they are in the Booke, att vs. the loade, or otherwise 7s., in case anie shall refuse theire reasonable loads offered by the farmers thereof; and lykewise to pay to the pore Burgesses and wydowes menc*i*oned in the Schoole Rentall suche som*m*es as ys sett vpon theire heads, and

[1] See *ante*.

[2] Michaelis = Michaelmas.

amountinge to the valewe of iij. li. xviijd. yearly, att suche tymes as beene heretofore paied them; and they to pay the chardges of the gettinge thereof; and vpon theire due p*er*formance of this order, accordinge to the playne intent hereof, for avoydinge of the Clamor of the porer sortt, this companie are content they shall have ytt Contynewed vnto them for longer tyme, yf ytt then shall be thoughte fittinge and convenient by the companie then in beinge, otherwise nott. 3406, p. 47.

1632, Monday, August 27.

Shreves:—This companie are content thatt the Shreves nowe in beinge shall haue libertie to make theire feast att Thurland howse, nottw*i*thstandinge the order to be made att the hall. 3406, p. 50.

XLIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1632, October 8.

The Constables' Presentment.

Item, wee present M*ist*ris Callton for keepinge disordered Company, and drinkinge in her house on the Sabboth day in the Sermon time, the 24 day of Septem*ber* last: *xs.*

Item, wee present Thomas Dodd for the like the 24 day Sep*tember*: *xs.*

Item, wee present William Jackson, the painter, for takinge in a poore man w*i*th a charge of children into his house in Beareward lane; one Deane: *xxs.* 77, ro. 2.

Per orientem.[1]

Wee present M*aiste*r Richard Parker, Allderman, for being absent from Com*m*on worke ij. days: *paid.*

We present M*aister* Staples for doinge nothinge at all: *xxxs.*

Wee present M*aister* Robert Parker, Allderman, for one daye's absence: *vs.*

Wee present m*aister* Littlefeere, the Elder, for ij. dayes absence: *xs.* 77, ro. 5.

XLIV.—*Extract from the Will of William Collinson.*

1632, November 14.

*Ite*m, I will and appoint y*a*t after the decease of Elizabeth Parker, my mother, there shalbee giuen to the needfull[2] poore of S*ain*t

[1] *Translation:* By the East.

[2] needfull = needy.

Nich*olas* p*ar*ish, Nott*ingham*, yearely, the som*m*e of xxs., to bee bestowed in bread, and distributed halfe yearely; the first distribuc*io*n to begin the same day twellue monethes in w*hi*ch it shall happen my said mother to dep*ar*t this life,[1] and soe to continue dureinge the space of xx[ty] yeares then next followeing, by xs. eu*ery* halfe-yeare.

And I will likewise that there bee A sermon made by some sufficient and able man vpon the said daies in w*hi*ch the said bread shalbee distributed in the Church of S*ain*t Nicholas aforsed (if the p*ar*son there will p*er*mitt it), or, otherwise, in the Church of S*ain*t Peeter in Nott*ingham*; the p*ar*son shall haue for his paines for eu*ery* sermon xs. All w*hi*ch I will shall bee issueing and goeing forth of my lands in Nott*ingham*. 4744.

XLV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1632-3, Monday, February 18.

Vnderwoods:—Ytt is ordered by this companie, thatt noe p*er*son or p*er*sons whattsoeuer shall att anie tyme hereafter from henceforth fettche, cutt vpp, or carrie away anie trowse[2] or vnderwood oute of anie p*ar*tt of the townes woods or copies, before the same p*er*son or p*er*sons haue first obteyned lycence therevnto from the maior and Councell for the tyme beinge; and thatt the same be entred vpon record before the same companie, vpon payne to everie one offendinge herein to forfeyte for everie offence xs., yf hee haue wherew*i*th, or otherwise such severe punishm*en*ts as by the lawes in such cases are to be inflicted vpon such offenders. 3407, p. 36.

Leases: Ytt is ordered thatt all leases from henceforth to be graunted or made of anie p*ar*tt of the towne's lands shalbe sealed before the Maior and Com*m*on Councell, and suche Aldermen as have the keepinge of the keyes of the Com*m*on Seale; and yf anie p*er*son to whome such lease is graunted doe nott come, w*i*thin three monethes after suche grauntinge thereof, to haue his lease sealed, and to seale a Counter-p*ar*tt thereof, accordinge to the agream*en*t made w*i*th him, thatt then suche grauntt to such p*er*son or p*er*sons soe made to be voyed, and the same to be lett or disposed to annother Burgesse thatt shalbe thoughte fitt by the Companie to be capable of the same. 3407, fo. 37.

[1] A note in the margin of the MS. says: 'She died 13 Maii, 1651.'

[2] 'Trowse,' brushwood, etc.

XLVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1632-3, March 18.

Coram Maiore et Magistro Staples, etc.[1]

Henrie Hill, of the towne of Nottingha*m*, Glover, beinge before M*aiste*r Maior and M*aiste*r Staples in M*aiste*r Maior's house, did swere manye blasphemous othes, and w*i*th wiked, vile, and opprobr*i*ous speeches, Revile and most lewldly speake, both againste them and theire authorityes, w*i*th suche vndecent and vncivell speeches as are not fittinge to be vttered; wherevpon the good behavior is by them bothe graunted against the said Henrie Hill.

20° Marcii,[2] *etc., 1632.*

Henricus Hill, de villa Nottinghamiae, glover, *in xx. li., Henrie Baguley et Willelmus Watson in x. li. uterque, quod praedictus Henricus Hill comparuerit ad proximam* General Sessions, *etc., ad respondendum, etc.*[3] 77, ro. 45.

1633, May 6.

To the Right Wor*shipfu*ll, M*easte*r Maior, M*easte*r Recorder, and the rest of the Wors*hipfu*ll the Breethern (*sic*).

The humble Peticion of John Corbye, the poore prentice of Willi*a*m Grasvn,[4] of Nott*ingham*, Bucher.

Humblye Desyreinge *you*r good Wor*sh*ipes com*m*isserate[5] of the cause of a Distressed prentice, and the great myssery he hath Indured in his service, Who hath beene eu*er* willinge to please and giue content to his maister and Dame, w*i*th great extremitie beinge sent barfoote and bareledged (*sic*) in the could Winter, and fasting, about his mester's Busines, and many times beinge kept fast vntill two of the clocke in the afternoans, and could no waiese giue them content, except I would vse vnlawfull meaines in eating vp other mane's grasse w*i*th my [mester] his cattell, or breake hedges to Bringe some when I could not Dispach his busines so soune as hee would haue had me, w*i*th vnlawfull correction and threatninges, and now hath turned me away, haueinge serued two yeares, and Beinge Broug[h]t againe by my good frend William Bond, of Bradmore,

[1] *Translation:* Before the Mayor and Mr. Staples, etc.

[2] *Translation:* 20th March.

[3] *Translation:* Henry Hill, of the town of Nottingham, glover, in £20, Henry Baguley and William Watson in £10 each, that the aforesaid Henry Hill shall appear at the next General Sessions, etc., to answer, etc.

[4] Grasvn = Graysun (Grayson).

[5] *i.e.*, commiseration.

and my measter will not receaue me, nor suffer me to stay in his house. I[1] humbly beseech yo*u*r good Worshippes that I maye Be sett free from my m*easte*r, and haue my money, w*hi*ch my m*easte*r had w*i*th me: the[re] was 5 li. in (*sic*), and twoe Loads of coalles, being almost the whole state the w*hi*ch my father [was] able to Disburs[e], but onely for my good.

If yo*u*r good Wors*hi*ppes in charitie pittie my case, I shall Be eu*er* Bound to pray for yo*u*r good Wors*hi*pps health and happines.

Humbly Beseechinge yo*u*r good Wors*hi*pps that you Vouchsafe will, in charitie Com*m*iserate the Distres of a pore prentice.

77, ro. 65.

XLVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1633, Monday, June 17.

G*e*orge *Wheatley's fyne*:—*M*emoran*d*um, thatt att a privie Sessions holden att the towne of Nott*ingham*, xvijth day of May 1633, George Wheately and others beinge Indyted for a dangerous Ryott made vpon one John Redferne and others, and the Indytem*en*t beinge fownd, the Coortt theire Com*m*itted them to prison vntill they paied the fyne of viij. li. for theire Ryott, as by the Records of the Sessions more playnely appeareth, w*hi*ch saied fyne, beinge in the hands of some of the Justices, was Claymed by the Shreves[2] to be wholly due to them, yett, nottw*i*thstandinge, they were contented to reserve themselves to the Judgm*en*t of this Companie, whoe doe nowe order, as appeareth by theire oppynions sett on theire seu*er*all heads, thatt the towne shall onely retayne 40s. in theire hands, and the rest, beinge vi. li., ys deliu*er*ed to the Sheriffs, whoe are well satisfyed w*i*th this agreem*ent*; and, *m*emoran*d*um, afterwards, M*aiste*r Maior, att M*aiste*r James his intreaty, gaue xxs. backe to Geo*rge* Wheately, and the other xxs. was deliu*er*ed to Homfrey Greaues, Chamberlayne, to bringe in accompts. 3407, fo. 42.

XLVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessons.*

1633, July 15.

Per Constabularios.[3]

Item, [*wee doe present*] M*aiste*r Michaell Cooke's man, namely, John Rawson, for sweeping of the street vppon the sabboth daye: *xijd.*[4]

[1] 'I' repeated in MS.

[2] *i.e.*, Sheriffs.

[3] *Translation*: By the Constables.

[4] This fine is cancelled in the MS.

Item, John Wright, chapman, for Annoyeinge of the streete with a mullock :[1] *iijs. iiijd.*

Item, John Parsons for Annoyeinge Byard Lane with Rammell[2] And fillth : *iijs. iiijd.*

Item, Thomas Jacson, miller, for Refusinge to sell drinck out of doore, And keepinge ale in his house : *iijs. iiijd.*

Item, Robert Haszard for Annoyeinge the street with swine muck : *xijd.*

Item, Mary, the wyfe of John Rawson, Carpinder, for scouldinge : *ducked.*

Item, Mistris Caulton, widdow, for sufferinge a tumult in her house, with disguysed Persons, to scare certayne women yat came thither for there Husbands : *xijd.* 77, ro. 69.

XLIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1633, Monday, July 29.

Caryadges presented to serve the Kinge. Ytt is ordered and agreed by this companie, thatt yf anie warrant shall happen to come to the towne to take vpp anie Cartt or cartts, or other cariadges, for the King's service, or the service of anie nobleman, att anie tyme from henceforthe, thatt all suche townsemen as haue cartts or droughts[3] in the towne att the tyme of the cominge of anie suche warrant, shall presently contribute and pay such Rate and proporcion of monie to the owners of those Cariadges thatt shall serve, as the length of the Jorney, by the appoyntment and direccion of this companie from tyme to tyme they shall be lymitted and Rated att; and the Constables for the tyme beinge to see carefully for the providinge and orderinge of suche carriadges, thatt the service may be respectively performed, and to sommon the resideue of the dravghts to make equall contribucion to the rest, accordinge to the intent of this order, and as is agreeable to reason. 3407, p. 42.

1633, Tuesday, October 15.

Order: Ytt is ordered and agreed by the Companie, thatt yff anie Burgesse or Burgesses wyefe thatt shall haue a Burgesse partt allotted vnto him or her by the Companie, in his or her antientie and seniorite, and after shall refuse to accepte the same, and also yf anie other thatt

[1] *i.e.*, a dust or rubbish heap. [2] rubbish. [3] draughts = drays.

allredy hathe a Burgesse p*ar*tt, shall geve the same vpp, in hope of annother or better p*ar*tt, Thatt then in both such cases, everie such Burgesse soe refusinge or geving vpp his or her Burgesse p*ar*tt, shall for ever be barred[1] from havinge anie other preferm*en*t or Burgesse p*ar*tt; the p*ar*tts fallinge to them, or anie of them, as they shalbe Chamberlaynes in Eastcrofte or Westcrofte, and the Closes fallinge to the Aldermen, in regard of theire places, onely excepted.

3408, p. 52.

Order: Ytt is ordered and agreed thatt noe p*er*son inhabytinge in this towne shall from henc[e]forth lay anie Mucke, Mull,[2] sweepings, or Menor[3] vpon anie of the towne's wasts or Com*m*ons (other then on the Com*m*on Muckhills or Dunghills therevnto allredy appoynted and assigned), vnlesse the same p*er*son or p*er*sons first have lycence therevnto from the Maior and Com*m*on Councell for the tyme beinge, or the greater p*ar*tt of them, *and thatt noe person havinge a private Muckhill shall sell the same to anie forreyner lyvinge oute of the towne, without the lyke consent of the same Companie;*[4] and allsoe thatt noe forreyner shalbe admitted to carrie anie Mucke from the Com*m*on Muckhills, or those waste grownds, before hee haue lycence therevnto from the Maior and Councell, or the greater p*ar*tt of them; And yf anie p*er*son or p*er*sons doe lay anie Mucke or dunge vpon anie of the saied wasts, nott havinge lycence as aforesaied, thatt then ytt shalbe lawefull for anie p*er*son thatt is a Burgesse, to take the same away as freely as yf ytt were layed vpon anie of the Com*m*on Muckhells.

3408, p. 52.

L.—[5]*Exchequer Order concerning the Passing of the Accounts of the Sheriff of Nottingham.*

1633, November 27.

Inter ordines de Termino Sancti Michaelis, Anno nono Regis Caroli in Scaccario ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii remanentes, inter alia Continetur vt sequitur, videlicet:—

*Mercurio xxvij*to *Novembris.*[6]

[1] barred = debarred.

[2] 'mull,' dust, dirt, rubbish.

[3] 'Menor,' manure.

[4] The words italicized are underscored in the Council Book.

[5] From a copy on paper.

[6] *Translation:* Among the orders of the Term of Saint Michael, in the ninth year of King Charles, in the Exchequer on the part of the Remembrancer of the Treasury remaining, among other things is contained as follows, that is to say:—
Wednesday, 27th November.

Villa Nottinghamiae.[1]—Whereas M*aiste*r Bowne, of Councell with the Mayor and Burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham, informed this Court, that by reason of an Order of this Courte made in Michaelmas Terme, in the sixth yeere of his Maiestie's raigne, by which noe allowance was to bee given to Lords or Bayliffes of Liberties of *Exitus coram Baronibus de Tenentibus Regis,*[2] nor *Exitus de se;*[3] the Sheriffes of the said Towne of Nottingham are stopped in the Pipe from passinge their Accomptes; whereas it is conceaued that the said Order whereby they are stopped concerned Lords and Bayliffes of Liberties, and not Citties or Townes Corporate: And, besides, it is conceaued that the Case of Wenlocke Libertie, menc*i*oned in the said Order, by which it is adiuged that that Libertie doth not carrye *Exitus coram Baronibus de Tenentibus Regis,*[4] doth differ from the Case of the said Towne of Nottingham, for they have those issues by speciall graunts and Charters, and they have beene allwayes allowed vnto the said Mayor and Burgesses till the said Order was made: And for the Statute of *Vicesimo Septimo Henrici Octavi, Capite vicesimo quarto,*[5] also menc*i*oned in that Order, whereby *Exitus de se*[3] are taken away from Lords of Liberties, it is also conceaued it doth not extend to Citties or Townes Corporate, For their Liberties and Franchesies are saved vnto them by a speciall proviso in the said Statute, and therefore humblye prayed that the like Allowance of the said severall Titles might bee made vnto the said Towne of Nottingham as formerly they have had, and that they might passe their Accompts accordingly; Inasmuch as it is not determined whether the said Titles belong vnto the said Towne vppon any speciall Clayme made by the said Towne vnto those Titles since the makinge of the said Order of restraint, yett, in respect they were formerlye allowed, and it is fitt that the Accomptes should bee passed, It is therefore this daye ordered that the said severall Titles of *Exitus coram Baronibus de Tenentibus Regis,*[6] and *Exitus et Amerciamenta de se*[7] shall bee respited vppon the said Sheriffs' Accompts vntill Easter Terme next, to the end the said

[1] *Translation:* Town of Nottingham.

[2] *Translation:* Issues before the Barons of the Tenants of the King.

[3] *Translation*: Issues of themselves.

[4] *Translation:* Issues before the Barons of the King's tenants.

[5] *Translation:* Twenty-seventh of Henry VIII., chapter xxiv.

[6] See *ante.*

[7] *Translation:* Issues and Amercements of themselves.

Mayor and Burgesses may in the meane tyme make their Clayme, and shewe their title to the said yssues, and for the residue in their Chardge, the Sheriffes are to passe their Accompts without any restraints, notwithstanding the former order; howbeit, for soe much of the said Titles as are allreadie leavied, the Sheriffes are to bring it into this Courte, to bee disposed of as this Courte shall order.

Per Curiam.[1] 4658.

LI.—*Exemplification of a Decree in the Duchy Court of Lancaster respecting the toll payable by tenants of the Duchy in the town of Nottingham.*

1633-4, February 18.

Carolus, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defensor, etc., Omnibus ad quos praesentes Litterae nostrae pervenerint, salutem.

Inspeximus tenorem cujusdam Decreti sive Recordi in Camera Ducati Lancastriae apud Westmonasterium inter Recorda ejusdem Ducati ibidem remanentia et existentia, in haec verba:—Die Jovis, Sexto Februarii, 1633. In Camera Ducati Lancastriae Termino Hillarii, Anno Regni Caroli Nono. Inter Edwardum Mosley, Attornatum Domini Regis Ducati Lancastriae, per Informationem querentem, et Majorem et Burgenses villae Nottinghamiae, Defendentes.[2]

Whereas there is a suite nowe dependinge in this Courte, and for a longe tyme heretofore there haue beene seuerall suites betweene the Tenn*ant*s, Resiants[3] and Inhabitants of and w*i*thin the fee and Seigniory of the Duchie of Lancaster, and the Maior, Burgesses and Inhabitants of and w*i*thin the Towne of Nottingham, for and concerninge the payment of divers duties claymed by the said Maior and Burgesses of the said Duchie Tenn*ant*s, Resiants[3] and Inhabitants w*i*thin the Duchie fee, for goods and Merchandizes bought and sould,

[1] *Translation:* By the Court.

[2] *Translation:* Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc. To all to whom our present Letters shall come, greeting. We have inspected the tenor of a certain decree or record in the Chamber of the Duchy of Lancaster at Westminster among the records of the same Duchy there remaining and existing, in these words:—Thursday, the sixth of February, 1633. In the Chamber of the Duchy of Lancaster, in Hilary Term, in the ninth year of the reign of Charles. Between Edward Mosley, Attorney of the Lord King of the Duchy of Lancaster, by Information plaintiff, and the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, defendants.

[3] Resiants = residents.

or put to sale w*i*thin the said Borough, in the tymes of Faires and marketts there, from the paym*en*t whereof the said Duchie Tenn*an*ts claymed and doe clayme to be free by pr*e*scripc*i*on, graunts, and acts of Parliament made for confirmac*i*on of the Liberties, im*m*unities, and priviledges of the said Duchie; And the said Maior and Burgesses doe challenge the said Duties by pr*e*scripc*i*on and ancient Charters; Which cawse nowe dependinge, havinge had seuerall hearinges in this Courte, before the Right Hono*ra*ble the Chauncellor and Councell of the Courte, assisted from tyme to tyme by severall iudges, assistants of the same, and the Courte takinge into Considerac*i*on the state of the said Borough, and that the same is houlden by a Fee farme rent of Threescore and Three Pounds, Sixteene Shillings and a Penny, besides the Yearely Profers, and consideringe that the said Maior and Burgesses are otherwise diversly charged, and that the said duties are in aide thereof, It was ordered by an order of the Five and twentyth of November, in Michaellmas Terme last, by the Right Hono*ra*ble the Chancellor and Councell of this Courte, Assisted w*i*th Sir Humfrey Davenport, Lord Cheife Baron of his Ma*jestie*'s Exchequer, and one of the Judges Assistants of this Courte, by Waye of accom*m*odac*i*on and amicable composic*i*on W*i*thout pr*e*iudice to the claymes on either parte, and w*i*th such Cautions and Provisoes as in the said order more at large are expressed, that the said Duchie Tenn*an*ts, of what honor or possessions soever, should, from the Twentyth daye of February from thence next ensuinge, paye in the marketts and Faires of the said Towne of Nottingham, for goods and merchandizes bought, sould, or put to sale there, halfe soe much as any other paye for like duties. In w*hi*ch order, It was expressed that the said Duchie Tenn*an*ts, before this present Terme of S*ain*t Hillary, should be made acquainted w*i*th the said order, To w*hi*ch if they assented before the sixt daye of this instant February, then the said order to be absolute; But if they should dislike, or not signifie theire likinge thereof, then the Courte intended to leaue them to a tryall at Lawe; And if the said Maior and Burgesses refuse to stand to the said order, or, before the said Sixt daye of February, signifie theire mislike thereof, then the Courte purposed to decree the matter against them, As by the said order more at large appeareth, Accordinge to the Tenor of w*hi*ch order of the fyve and Twentyth of November last, the Maior and Burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham, by theire Councell doe this daye declare in open Courte theire Consent therevnto. And

Henry Caldecott, Solicitor for the said Duchie Tennants, informeth this Courte that some of the said Duchie Tennants have given theire Consent and doe agree to the said order, and that some other of them doe not agree nor consent to the same, but rather choose to submitt themselues to a tryall at Lawe, accordinge to the purpose of this Court expressed in the said order of the Five and Twentyth of November last. Wherevpon, and for the settlinge and quiettinge of the longe, tedious and chargeable suites and Controversies concerninge either parties Claymes therein, and that an amicable agreement maye be had on both parties, without preiudice of theire claymes on either parte, It is this daye ordered and decreed by the Right Honorable, the Chauncellor and Councell of this Courte, vpon hearinge Councell learned on both sides, for the reasons in the said Order of the Five and Twentyth of November last expressed, that such and soe many of the said Duchie Tennants, of What honor or possessions soever, as haue consented, submitted, and agreed, or, before a tryall to be had at Lawe touchinge the said demaunded duties, shall consent, submitt, and agree to the said order of the Five and Twentyth of November last, and deliver in their names and places Whence they are, which as well they that haue assented, as they that shall or Will assent hereafter, shall from the First daye of March next ensuinge, paye in the Marketts and Faires of the said Towne of Nottingham for theire Corne there bought and sould, or put to sale, and for other goods and merchandizes there bought and sould, halfe soe much as any other persons paye for like duties, and noe more; And as touchinge such of the said Duchie Tennants and Resiants[1] and Inhabitants within the same as haue not or shall not agree to the said order as aforesaid, the said Maior and Burgesses vpon theire or any of theire the said Duchie Tennants, Resiants,[1] or Inhabitants within the same, refusal, to paye the said duties accordinge to the true tenor and meaninge of this decree, are hereby left at liberty to recouer the said Duties by an accion by them brought, and a tryall to be had at the Common Lawe, Wherein this Courte doth not intend to protect the said Tennants. And it is further ordered, decreed and declared by this Courte, that this order and decree of Atonement shall not be any president[2] to any other Townes, places, or Citties, to call in question the Claymes, Rights and priviledges of the freedome and exempcion of the said Duchie Tennants in all or any other Townes, places and Citties;

[1] Resiants = residents.

[2] president = precedent.

And for the better setlinge and quiettinge of the payment to be had and made for corne brought to be sould in the said Markett and Faires of Nottingham, w*hi*ch is nowe com*m*only called 'the Scavingers' fee,' for w*hi*ch the said Towne of Nottingham clayme to haue the one Hundred Twenty Eight p*ar*te of what is to be sould or put to sale, It is further ordered and decreed, That the said Towne of Nottingham shall make a iust measure accordinge to that rate and proporc*i*on of halfe soe much by them to be taken of the said Duchie Tenn*an*ts, for theire Corne brought to be sould in the same Marketts and Faires, And shall take theire said Tolle of Corne of the said Duchie Tenn*an*ts, accordinge to that proporc*i*on and measure, and not otherwise. And this order and Decree of accom*m*odac*i*on to be a fynall end of all the said former suites w*i*thout pr*e*iudice as aforesaid.

Nos autem, tenorem Decreti sive Recordi praedicti ad instantiam Majoris et Burgensium villae de Nottingham Duximus exemplificandum per praesentes. In cujus rei Testimonium has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Palacium nostrum Westmonasterii sub sigillo Ducati nostri Lancastriae praedictae, Decimo Octavo Die Februarii Anno Regni nostri Nono.[1] Gerard. 4661.

LII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1633-34.

Necessarie Expenses.

*It*em, p*ai*d for ij. dossen of sawsers for the Towne . . . vs.

1643, fo. 4.

*It*em, p*ai*d the Captains and lieftenants' fees for the Com*m*on soulders . . . . xijs.

*It*em, for Cullers for them at the trayninge . . . xiiijs. vjd.

Ib., fo. 5.

*It*em, for Cords and a rod for one that was whipped . . ijd.

Ib., fo. 6.

[1] *Translation:* We also, at the instance of the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, have caused the tenor of the Decree or Record aforesaid by (these) presents to be exemplified. In witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made patent. Given at our Palace of Westminster, under the seal of our Duchy of Lancaster aforesaid, the Eighteenth Day of February, in the Ninth Year of our Reign.

Presents and Rewards.

*Ite*m, for a pottle of wyne giuen the King's servants that brought the gifts of the p*ro*gresse and had Certificate . . . xijd.

*Ite*m, for wyne and suger giuen the Lo*rd* Archbishopp of Yorke when the Kinge was here . . . . . ixs. iiijd.

Ib., fo. 10.

*Ite*m p*ai*d W*illia*m Newbold and his men for tylinge at S*ain*t Ann Well against the King's cominge . xs. xd.

*Ite*m for tyles and lyme vsed att the well . . . . vjs.

Ib., fo. 14.

LIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1633-4, Tuesday, February 25.

Concerninge the waytes:—This Companie are agreed, thatt whereas the waytes and Homfrey Coggs and W*illia*m Coggs, his sonne, haue had manie differences aboute theire places, and havinge referred themselves, and theire severall busynes amongste them, to the Judgment and order of this Companie, the companie doe order thatt from henceforth both the Coggs shalbe sep*ar*ated from the other waytes, and nott be reputed as the waits of this towne; and in lewe thereof, Rich*ard* Peirson, Salomon Sebastyan, and Richard Storr shall allowe vnto Homfrey Coggs duringe his lyefe iij. li. yearely, to be from henceforth quarterly paied him, and the same waytes shall lykewise pay vnto W*illia*m Coggs xxs. yearely, to be p*aie*d quarterly lykewise, duringe the pleasure of this Companie, butt vpon Condic*i*on thatt the saied Coggs and his sonne shall nott play w*i*th theire Instrum*en*ts in this towne when the other Waytes are in the towne, vnlesse they be invited to play att Weddings or Churchings; and they are nott to were anie of the townes lyveries, nor be reputed as the waytes, from henceforthe; nor they nott to goe into the Countrie as the townes waytes; and thatt the bond by them taken from the yonger Coggs for paym*en*t of v. li. shalbe nowe delivered in to the saied Coggs, togeather w*i*th soe muche Monie as they have receaved in p*ar*tt thereof allreddy; and the saied W*illia*m Coggs to deliu*er* in his Scuttcheon presently. The bonds are deliu*er*ed and cancelled.

3408, fos. 56-7.

1634, Monday, June 2.

*About the King's Entertaynem*ent *on the 4th of August, 1634.*—

M*aiste*r Lightefoote, the vsher of the freeschoole, beinge sent for, hath vndertaken to deliu*er* a speeche to the Kinge and Queene att theire cominge to Nott*ingham*; and hee to be furnished w*i*th apparell accordingly.

M*aiste*r W*illia*m Nixe, Alderman, hath promised to lend the towne 200 li., vpon interest, for vj. Monethes, and to have the lower Trent Close in Morttgage for securinge the same.

Everie Alderman in his ward to take twoe howseholders of his Companie to assist him, and to Com*m*and thatt the owteside of everie howse be either Roughe cast or bewtifyed by payntinge, att theire owne Chardge; and for removinge of blocks and Clayheapes, and other annoyances.

M*aiste*r[s] Chamberlaynes are required to see the pavem*en*ts and markett-wall, and the Crosses, to be vewed, and paynted, and bewtifyed in decent Manner.

M*aiste*r [John] James, M*aiste*r [William] Nix, M*aiste*r [Robertt] Greaves, M*aiste*r [John] Perrie, M*aiste*r [Richard] Dringg, [and] Tho*mas* Widoson, are required to vewe the highewaies and passeges of the towne, and to take to them the overseers of everie parishe.

Ib., p. 62.

1634, June 20.

Receaved by Rob*ert* P*ar*ker, Maior thatt was, borowed of William Nixe, Alderman, 200 li., to be ymployed by him for the intertaynem*en*t of the Kinge and Queen's Maj*es*ties, whoe came to Nottingham the 4th day of August, 1634, and stayed there fyue nights.

Whereof paied as followeth:

*In*primis, for makinge the conveyance and letter of Atturnie, for M*aiste*r Nixe's securitie . . .	xxs.
Item, to M*aiste*r Widoson for the plate thatt was presented to the Kinge and Queene	lxviij. li.
Item, to W*illia*m Greisley oute of thatt monie . .	x. li.
Item, for M*aiste*r Lightefoot's sute, Cloake, hatt, stockings, garters, showes,[1] and other Accooterm*en*ts .	viij. li. vjs.
Item, to M*aiste*r Tooley's man thatt broughte the Mace from Lyncolne	vs.
Item, to M*aiste*r Tooley for guildinge and repayringe the Mace	v. li. xijd.

[1] showes = shoes.

Item, to the Clarke of the Markett *infra Virgam, pro favore suo*,[1] etc. . . . . xls.

Item, to his man for his fee, and for the extracts . . xs.

Item, to the King's officers for theire severall fees claymed, the particulers whereof appeare in a Bill of the receipte thereof . . . . xxxiiij. li.

Item, to the Trumpeters in reward . . . . . xs.

Item, to the Clarke for his fee for the receipte of the fees, and for his acquittance . . . . . xs.

Item, to the knighte Marshall's man for his attendance and paynes . . . . vs.

Item, to the Queene's footemen . . . . . . xls.

Item, to the kinge and Queen's Coachmen . . . . xls.

Item, to laborers to helpe to gett out the wardropp[2] from vnder the howse thatt fell . . . . . . vijs.

Item, to the kinge and Queen's padmen for theire fees . xxs.

Item, to the knight Marshall's man and the Trumpetter, for proclayminge the Clarke of the Marketts proclaymacion and prizes . . . . . . xiijs. iiijd.

Item, for sendinge warrants and letters to the Cheife Constables to free the towne from the purveyors of the woodyard . . . . vs.

Item, to the players in reward . . . . . . xxs.

Item, to the Porters att the gate for theire fee . . xs.

Item, for wyne spent in Maister Maior's howse vpon the king's servants att theire severall Entertayments there . . . . iij. li. xijd.

Item, to Maister Alderman Nixe for twoe keggs[3] of Sturgeon presented to my Lord Newcastle . xls.

Item, to Maister Maior towards his howse keepinge for Eleaven dayes . . . . xx. li.

Item, for mendinge the waies nere the Castle . . xjs.

Summa,[4] 163 li. 14s. 4d.

Summa totall of disbursements . . .	163 li. 14s. 4d.	200 li.
Remaynes	36 li. 5s. 8d.	

[1] *Translation:* Under the wand, for his favour, *i.e.*, the favour shown by the clerk. A wand of office is still possessed by the Clerk of the Market.

[2] 'wardropp,' wardrobe, place to keep clothes in. *Wardrope* in Halliwell.

[3] keggs, small casks or barrels.

[4] *Translation:* Total.

Rec*eaved* for horse grasse in Eastcrofte att this tyme att ijd. day and nighte . . . . . .xij. li. 14s. 11d.
Whereof payed for wattchinge the grownd and horses . liiijs. vijd.
Spent vpon the wattchmen then . . . . . . vjs. vd.
To M*aiste*r Hardmett for his chardges to Lyncolne . vijs. iijd.
[1]To Tho*mas* Wolley, for the repayre of the highwaies . xlvijs. ijd.
To M*aiste*r Alvey, for his losses in takinge away his wood . . . . viijs.
To Tho*mas* Abbott, the post-m*aiste*r, for his chardge and fee. . . . . xxxiijs. iiijd.
To Homfrey Robertts and John Wrighte towards theire fees and losses, beinge called before the knighte-Marshall, and p*aie*d ls. fees . . . . . . xxvs.
To M*aiste*r Drewrie for his chardges Rydinge to New-arke . . . . iiijs.[2]

3408, fos. 66-7.

1634, Monday, July 7.

[3]M*aiste*r [Richard] Dringg, M*aiste*r [Edmund] Richards, and 2 Constables to provide for tables, formes, and tressells, and to bringe a note in wrytinge where they haue provided them, thatt they may be reddy att an hower's warninge.

M*aiste*r [Richard] Hardmett [and] Adrian Garner to goe to Lyncolne, and to gett the great Mace amended and guilte, as good Cheape as may bee.

M*aiste*r [Samuell] Lightefoote[4] to have vj. li., viz[t], v. li. from the Scholewardens, and xxs. from M*aiste*r Maior, to fynd him clothes and other accooterm*en*ts.

Josephe Winfeild and John Coop*er* to attend M*aiste*r Maior in the accomodac*i*on of the plate.

M*aiste*r James, sen*ior*,[5] to oversee thatt flaggs be provided for.

Thomas Abbott, post maister for this tyme.

[1] Wolley's bill is inserted between the leaves of the Council Book.

[2] The real total of these payments is £9 5s. 9d. In the Council Book it is entered as £9 6s. 3d., and it is added, 'the remaynder beinge 3 li. 10s. 2d., was p*aie*d to M*aiste*r Maior, to bringe in Accompte.'

[3] On the same day, persons were appointed to receive and look after horses in Eastcroft on the same occasion.

[4] The usher of the Free School, who was to deliver a speech to the royal couple on their visit to the town.

[5] Besides John James, Alderman, there were on the Council William James and Richard James. When the Christian name has not been given, it has been assumed that Alderman James has been intended.

Overseers for the highwaies to looke to theire chardge.

Tho*mas* Wolley, Ropemaker, to provide 10 newe sacks, and to leave them w*i*th M*aiste*r Maior, to be ymployed for the king's service.

Ib., fos. 64-5.

1634, August 4.

*M*emoran*d*um, thatt on the fourth day of August, 1634, beinge Monday, o*u*r Sou*er*aigne Lord Kinge Charles and Queene Marie came to Nottingham, and stayed here fyue nights, and were receaved att the Coortt-gate by M*aiste*r Maior and his Bretheren, and theire Companies, and was pr*e*sented e*a*ch of them w*i*th a peice of plate, w*hi*ch cost, both of them ——.[1] 3408, cover.

1634, Wednesday, September 17.

These p*er*sons had Maulte taken on them for the furnishinge of his Maj*es*tie att his beinge att Nottingham :—

M*aiste*r Maior 2 quarters . .	lijs.	These are p*aie*d theire monies for theire malte, and gave allowance towards the losse in the paym*en*t for the same, beinge valewed att xxijs. the quarter.
M*aiste*r [Robertt] Sherwyn 2 quarters	lijs.	
M*aiste*r [Leonard] Nixc j. quarter and j. halfe. . . .	xxxixs.	
M*aiste*r [Roger] Derbishire j. quarter	xxvjs.	
M*aiste*r [Thomas] Cooke j. quarter j. stryke	xxixs. iijd.	

Wydowe Huthwaite, 2 quarters	lijs.	These M*aiste*r Drewrie hath monie to paye them, and xs vjd. beinge abated, the remaynder hee is to pay: ijs. ixd. in M*aiste*r Drewre's hands; and all paied; w*hi*ch is deliu*er*ed to Tho*mas* Wolley for ye Cashebox. 3408, fo. 68.
M*aiste*r Hood, 2 quarters .	lijs.	
W*illia*m Hemsley, 2 quarters	lijs.	
George Jackson, 2 quarters .	lijs.	
Thomas Gamble, 2 quarters .	lijs.	
Thomas Jackson, 2 quarters .	lijs.	

Scarlett gownes to walke the fayre:—This companie are agreed thatt all the Aldermen and Cloathinge shall wayte on M*aiste*r Maior to walke the fayre, on S*ain*t Mathewes day nexte, in theire scarlett gownes; and this order, for the grace of the towne, to haue contynewance for ever. 3408, fo. 69.

1634, Wednesday, November 26.

*Scarlett gownes to be worne on the fayre day and v*th *of November yearely:*—

[1] Left blank.

Ytt is ordered by this Companie, thatt everie one of the Cloathinge shall, in theire Scarlett gownes, and everie of the other gownemen shall duely and decently attend M*aiste*r Maior in his walke of the fayre on the fayre day. And lykewise thatt the Scarlett gownemen of the Cloathinge shall come to the Churche on the fifth day of Nouember yearely decently in their Scarlett gownes, to geve God thancks for the greate deliu*er*ance from the powder-treason, w*hi*ch day is comaunded by Acte of p*ar*liam*en*t to be celebrated, vpon payne to everie one nott wearinge theire Scarlett gownes and other gownes, those twoe dayes, to forfeyte for suche theire neglecte, for everie tyme xijd., to be levyed by distresse and sale of the offenders' goods, in case they refuse or neglecte to pay the saied penaltye of xijd.

And *m*emoran*d*um thatt M*aiste*r Maior hath receaved allreddy, for the fynes for nott wearinge theire gownes—iijs. viijd. on the vth of November last: M*aiste*r Gregorie iijd., Tho*mas* Malen iijd.; in all, iiijs. ijd. paid into the Cashebox. 3409, fo. 44.

1634-5, Tuesday, January 13.

Henrie Wood:—This Companie havinge this day taken in Consideraci*o*n the busines touchinge Henrie Wood, the Scavinger, and the toll-corne nowe Decreed to be paied to the Corporaci*o*n from the Duchie tenants, nowe vpon the full hearinge and debatinge of the busines by the companie, and for a fynall endinge of the questions and differences arisinge from the same busines, this Companie are agreed, and doe order, thatt from henceforth the saied Henrie Wood shall aswell take the benifitt of the Toll-corne of the Duchie Tenants, as them thatt are Guildable,[1] in thatt proporci*o*n thatt is appoynted by the saied Decree; and nott to exacte anie Toll, or other Dutie, of anie Cominge to this markett w*i*th Corne, whereby anie sute may be occasioned against the towne, vpon payne to lose his office. And in lewe of[2] this benefitt and favour, the saied Henrie Wood shall, att his owne Chardge, from tyme to tyme, repaire and make good all the paucm*en*ts in the wholl towne, thatt are to be paved, or haue been amended and repaired by him or his predecessors, w*i*thout anie Chardge or burthen to the Corporaci*o*n. And to repaire and amend the same w*i*thin Tenn dayes after notice geven him by M*aiste*r Maior and the Chamberlaynes of this towne of Nottingham for the tyme

[1] guildable=liable to pay toll. (AS. *gild*, a payment, etc.

[2] In lieu of=in return for.

beinge, or by anie twoe of them. And the saied Henrie Wood to pay onely ijs. weekely to the wydowe of Christofer Gaskoyne, and vjd. weekely to M*aiste*r Henrie Alvey, oute of the profitts of the same Tolls duringe the pleasure of this Companie: Nottw*i*thstandinge anie former order made touchinge anie other paym*en*ts to them or either of them. 3409, fos. 45-6.

*M*aiste*r Leeke*:—This Companie are agreed thatt M*aiste*r Leeke, the Schoolemaister, shall haue vj. li. xiijs. iiijd. added to his xx. li. *p*er *Ann*um from the Schoolewardens, oute of the rents and profitts of the Schoole; and this addic*i*on to Contynewe vnto him duringe the pleasure of this companie, in hope thatt, by his paynes and good deservinge in his place, hee will indeavor by his care to haue the Contynewance thereof, to the good lykinge of the Companie.

3409, fo. 46.

1634-5, Thursday, March 5.

Mills to be remoued to S*ain*t *Johne's Barne*.—The greater p*ar*tt of this companie are agreed, thatt the Mill att Goosegate-end shalbe nowe presently removed to S*ain*t Jone's barne, and thatt the Buildings att Goosegate-mill, wherein the mill standeth, to be lykewise pulled downe, and p*ar*tt of the same tymber to be ymployed for the repaire of Benett's Mill, in the marshe, soe soone as may bee, thatt the same mill may be lykewise ymployed in the townes vse.

The waites.—Vpon the hearinge of the differences, the second tyme, amongst the waites and Homfrey Coggs, for the fynall endinge of all the differences and obiections amongste them, they have nowe referred themselves, and theire saied busynes, to the fynall hearinge and endinge of this companie, whoe doe nowe order and agree, thatt Salomon Sebastyan, Richard Storr, and Thomas Stanley shall from henceforward pay vnto the saied Homfrey Coggs and W*illia*m Cogg[s], his sonne, yearly, duringe the naturall lyefe of Homfrey Coggs onely, the som*m*e of iiij. li. by quarterly paym*en*ts, and noe other allowance to him and his sonne, or either of them. And in lewe and recompence thereof, the said Homfrey nor his sonne shall nott weare theire coates of the same colour the other waites doe, nor shall nott play in this towne when the other waites are in towne, vnlesse they bee invited to weddings, Churchings, or other meetings. And the saied Homfrey Coggs, nor his sonne, shall nott goe abroad, or into the Countrie, to the preiudice of the saied waites, to play w*i*th theire instrum*en*ts; and when the other waites have a purpose to

travell to London or ellswhere, as vsually they haue done, thatt then Homfrey Coggs, nor his sonne, shall nott travell thatt way, to forstall them, vntill a forttnighte after they be gone, att the least. And that yf any differences shall hereafter growe or arise, on anie p*ar*tt, touchinge this order, the same differences and questyons to be allwayes heard, ended, and determined by this Companie as theire shalbe cawse. And thatt Salomon Sebastyan, Richard Storr, and Richard Pierson shall pay vnto the saied Homfrey Coggs and his sonne, before Easter nexte, xxxs. of the monie due to Coggs vpon the last agream*en*t, and to be dischardged of the remaynder for ever, yf they doe, before Midsom*m*er nexte, bringe certificatt, or make ytt appeare to this companie, thatt Coggs, or his sonne, or bothe, have nott *per*formed the former order on theire p*ar*tts; and the former order to be dissolued; all this beinge Read vnto the waites, they are well content to *per*forme the same, butt Coggs will not stand to this order.[1] 3409, fo. 48.

Cottages without Barr.—The Cottages w*i*thout Chappell Barr to be vewed, and the tenants in beinge to haue notice nott to receave anie other tenants hereafter; and as the tenants dye, then the howses to be stopped vp, and nott to be vsed for anie other habitac*i*ons or howses. 3409, fo. 49.

1634-5, Monday, March 23.

Sain*t* *Anne well; att Whittsonmonday.*—This Companie are agreed in regard of the vncertenty of the weather, and the Coldnes of the Season[2] to allter the Meetinge att S*ain*t Anne Well from Monday in Easter weeke, vnto Monday in Whittsonweeke; and the same penaltie to be paied for nott *per*forminge theire attendance accordinge to the former order, *tempore Alexandri Staples, Maioris*,[3] butt this alterac*i*on shall not discontynewe the same antient Custome from the tyme nowe appoynted for the same. 3409, fo. 50.

1635, Tuesday, May 26.

Fellinge trees.—This Companie are content thatt 6 trees shalbe sett oute by them thatt are appoynted by the order; and the same

[1] This order was 'dissolved by agreement,' on 30th September following.

[2] In an order of the 16th June following, as to the sale of the 'tithe-hay,' the probable scarcity of the hay, owing to the 'dryness of the spring-time, for want of rain,' is noted.

[3] *Translation:* 'In the time of Alexander Staples, Mayor.'

to goe for the present[1] repayre of the Trent Bridges, thatt nowe standethe in greate need. 3409, fo. 51.

1635, Thursday, August 6.

Martin Hill.—The Companie are content to allowe Martyn Hill, in regard of his poverty, xxs. more then formerly hee made his Composic*i*on for w*i*th the towne; Soe thatt his daughter nowe remayninge in this towne doe goe away to Norw*i*ch the nexte Jorney, or ells soe soone as conveniently may bee. 3409, fo. 55.

1635, Tuesday, September 8.

[2] *William Jorden's servant.*—*M*emoran*d*um, thatt before this Companie M*aiste*r Sherwyn and M*aiste*r Hardmett, Aldermen of S*ain*t Peter's p*ar*ishe, haue promised to take some coorse for W*illia*m Jorden's servant, gotten w*i*th Chyld w*i*thin these xiiij. daies, or elles they and theire parishe shall and will stand chardged w*i*th her and her Child, for the easinge of the towne and other parishes.

3409, fo. 57.

1635, Friday, September 18, about 4 p.m.[3]

*M*emoran*d*um, thatt this day M*aiste*r [William] Fletcher, Recorder, made a Moc*i*on to this Companie present, thatt hee was ould, and nott so able to travaile in the execution of his place as the same requires, and therefore desired the Companie thatt hee mighte be eased from his place, and make a resignac*i*on thereof, Soe thatt they would make Choice of M*aiste*r Chadwicke; And the Companie, after the same Moc*i*on propownded, went to Voices,[4] and the greater p*ar*tt of them, beinge xxiiij. Voices,[5] haue desired M*aiste*r Recorder to contynewe in his saied place of Recordershipp, wherevnto hee hath lovingly assented, and the Companie, in lewe[6] thereof, haue added to his yearely fee of iiij. li. the som*m*e of Sixe pownds more, to make ytt vpp x. li. *p*er *an*num, duringe the Contynewance of his place of Recordershipp; but this addic*i*on nott to enure[7] to his Successors, butt the same fee to be increased or abated as the companie shall see cawse. 3409, fo. 58.

[1] present = immediate.

[2] Quoted inaccurately in Bailey, under year 1634, vol. ii., p. 630.

[3] *Circa horam 4 tam (= quartam) post meridiem*, MS. *Translation:* About the fourth hour after mid-day.

[4] Voices = votes.

[5] Out of 29, exclusive of the Recorder.

[6] in lieu = in recompense, or consideration.

[7] enure = to become customary.

1635, Monday, November 23.

Gouns.—Before this Companie, the order for wearinge gowns on Saboathe daies, festivall daies, and on the buryalls of the better sortt and Cloathinge, to be contynewed; and the same for burialls to be amended and inserted; and thatt noe gowne-man shalbe admitted to Come to anie publique meetinge w*i*thout his gowne, on the payne and penaltie menc*i*oned in the order nowe amended.

Strangers and Inmates.—Ytt is ordered thatt everie Alderman shall, once in xiiij. daies, w*i*th the assistance of some of his ward, walke his ward to see whatt strangers or Inmates doe come in, thatt some present Coorse may be taken to avoyed[1] them in tyme, accordinge to the order. 3410, fo. 30.

1635, Monday, November 30.

[2]*John Cooke.*—This Companie are lykewise agreed to geve John Cooke, a scholler of Cambridge, and borne in the towne, and a hopefull yonge man, xls. towards the takinge of his degree att this tyme, and the same to be p*aie*d by the Schoolewardens. 3410, fo. 34.

1635, Monday, December 7.

M*aiste*r [Thomas] Cooke, M*aiste*r [Richard] Collishawe, M*aiste*r [James] Beardsley, [and] M*aiste*r Homfrey Greaves are required to collecte in S*ain*t Mar[i]es parishe for the pore, against Christmas, to kepe them from begginge; M*aiste*r Joseph Winfeild [and] M*aiste*r Henrie James for S*ain*t Peeter's parishe; John Pepper [and] John Hillton for S*ain*t Nicholas parishe. 3410, fo. 35.

[3]1635-6, Thursday, February 4.

Before this Companie Robertt Hassard, Ropemaker, was delte w*i*th, touchinge the settinge of the pore on Worke att S*ain*t Johnes.

1. First, Robertt Hassard is to haue the howses and Chapple att S*ain*t Johnes, and the well Close, and both the gardens nere therevnto adioyninge, from o*u*r Lady day nexte, for one wholl yeare, att xxs. rent, and soe for further tyme att the pleasure of this Companie, and as they can further agree.

2. Thatt Rob*ertt* Hassard shall nowe presently Receave pore

[1] avoid = remove.

[2] Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 632.

[3] It is worth noticing that on the cover of the Bridgemaster's account for this year (1636) there is the following memorandum: 'On the x[th] day of August, 1636, one of the Middle Arches of the Trent Bridge fell downe into the Trent, w*hi*ch cost 100 li. to sett ytt vpp againe.'

children, to the number of viij. or more, as shalbe further occasioned, and to haue the benefitt of theire workes and labours for the first Moneth, and the towne to allowe him towards their dyett, for everie one, xijd. a Weeke, and theire parents to fynde them lodginge; and Robertt Hassard to be carefull to teache and instructe them speedyly in the spyninge and workinge heare, to be fitt to make hearecloth, and allsoe in cardinge and spyninge of hards[1] to make candle weeke,[2] and hee to geue them correccion, when need ys, and the greate wheeles to be called in, and to be deliuered for the vse of these ymployments, and the payments to be paied oute of the Miil monies. Maister [Gabriel] Groues and Maister [Thomas] Wolley to be overseers for the first moneth, and to fynde them for this moneth both heare and hards,[1] att the towne's Chardge. 3410, fo. 38.

1635-6, Monday, March 7.

Thomas Whittington for the Bull.—Thomas Whittington to haue the Bullpeice, and to keepe a Bull for the towne both wynter and Sommer; hee is contented to keepe him for seaven yeares, and soe for further tyme as the towne and hee can agree; and noe man to take him oute of the liberties for anie vse, on peyne to forfeyte ijs. vjd. to the towne. 3410, fo. 41.

1636, Wednesday, May 25.

Wattche.—Six howsholders are to wattche dayly, in covrse, in the daytyme, to keepe oute suspected persons thatt may come hether from visited[3] places, viz[t], Wood att the Bridges, 2 att Backside, and 2 in the towne: accordinge as each beene vsed, and as by the proclamacion is commaunded. 3410, fo. 45.

1636, Tuesday, September 13.

Maister James: Maister Parker.—Maister [John] James, Alderman, and Maister Robertt Parker, Alderman, are by this Companie fyned att xs. a peice for nott attendinge Maister Maior att the King's Maiestie's beinge here last, the one beinge att Mellton, and the other att his howse, and beinge called on, refused to come, as Maister Bateman afirmed. 3410, fo. 57.

1636, Monday, September 19.

Maister [Henrie] Alvey, Maister [William] Hopkyn, and Maister

[1] hards of flax.

[2] candle weeke = candle-wick.

[3] *i.e.*, by the plague.

[Richard] Dringg beinge sent to M*aiste*r [Samuell] Lightefoote, the Vsher, by this companie, to tell him of his neglecte in his place, in teachinge the Schollers Vnder his tuition, etc., hee hathe voluntarily resigned vpp the same place, and Desires this companie to make choice of annother to Succeed him; and hee is nowe att Liberty.

3410, fo. 57.

1636, Monday afternoon, September 26.

*M*aiste*r Woolley and M*aiste*r Turpin, newe Sheriffs.*—M*aiste*r [Thomas] Wolley and M*aiste*r [Richard] Turpin, the Sheriffs to be att *Mich*aeli*s*[1] nexte, have moved to haue some allowance in theire Sherifvallty for theire tolls, in regard the bridges are nott yett finished; and, hauinge referred themselves and the saied busines to this companie, the companie are of opynion nott to geue them anie allowance, butt to referr themselves to God's providence, and nott to bringe an innovac*i*on w*hi*ch in succeedinge tymes allwaies proues dangerous and obnoxious; yett the Companie are content, when theire Sheriffs' yeare is[2] past, to heare theire allegac*i*ons, and soe to take the same into Considerac*i*on; butt nott to be concluded in this busines by promis further then they shall thinck fitt.

Weekeday-cross: for ye pumpe.—This Companie having heard the Moc*i*ons of the Inhabitants aboute the Weekeday-cross, touchinge a pumpe to be made where the leadon well nowe stands, they are of oppynion, thatt one cannott conveniently be made to hould longe, or to be kepte sweete; therefore, doe nott allowe of theire Moc*i*on, butt are content thatt the same shalbe sufficiently repayred by the newe Chamberlaynes, butt nott otherwise to be alltered. 3410, fo. 59.

LIV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1636, October 8.

Articles of misdemeanor obiected by Thomas Savile, of Durton grange in the Countie of Nott*ingham*, gent*leman*, ag*ains*t Hellen, the wife of Raph Tolk, of the towne and Countie of the towne of Nott*ingham*, Tyler.

Imprimis, that the sayd Hellen Toft is a woman of evill Carriage, a slanderer and reviler of diu*er*s honest and well disposed persons, addictinge her selfe to wanderinge and idlenes, Contemninge the monic*i*on of the Magistrates, exhortinge and p*er*suadinge her to be of

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas. [2] MS. 'are.'



Civill Carrage and demeanor, and to settle her selfe to labor and ymployment in her vocation and Callinge.

Item, that the sayd Hellen hath, for the space of 2 or 3 monethes now last past, both publickly and privatelie slandered and traduced the sayd Thomas Savile, affirminge and reportinge hee is her husband, and that he doth vse vnlawfull and dishonest[1] Companie with diuers other women in the town of Nottingham, to the great wronge and disparagement both of the said Thomas Savile and of the women by her named and defamed, whereas the said Thomas Savile is well knowne to be a gentleman of Civill life and Conuersacion, and was, 26 yeares since, married to a gentlewoman of good rancke and qualitie, who is now deceased Seaventeene yeares sithence,[2] and by whome he had, and hath yett livinge, diuers Children, And sithence[2] whose death he hath Contynued, and yet remayneth, a widdower.

That the said Hellen Toft hath Come diuers tymes to the house of the said Thomas Savile att Durton grange aforesaid, and there, in the presence and hearinge of his Children and servants, and allso to John Wood, Esquire, att his house att Wodborrow, and to diuers other persons elsewhere, both in the towne and Countie, and Charged the said Thomas Savile to be her husband, and Curseth and revileth him with many shamefull and scandalous words and execracions, sometyme sayinge she will make him allowe her mayntenance of xx. li. per annum, and other tymes swearinge terriblie, she will haue a legg or an arme of him, meaninge the said Thomas Savile, cyther quicke[3] or dead.[4] 79, ro. 25.

1636, October 10.

Per Occidentem.[5]

We present Maister Robert Sherwin, Allderman, for suffering a swyne coate to stand on the back syde his howse, to the greatt anoyance of the passengers to Saint Petter's church: *rented: ijs.*

We present Alice Ryleye, Wyddowe, for anoyinge the Cowe lane with a swinecoate: *vjd.* 78, ro. 9.

[1] dishonest = unchaste, immoral.

[2] sithence = since, ago.

[3] 'quicke,' alive.

[4] This presentment was corroborated on oath before the Mayor, Mr. Nixe, and Alderman Hardmett, by Thomas Spurge, a weaver, of Oxton, and his wife Margaret, and the presentment is thus indorsed: 'Ellen Tafte, called in att the Sessions holden xix. Octobris, 1636, to answere the obieccions within written, doth acknowledge her faulte in abusinge Maister Savile, and desires hee would forgeve her, and soe all further proceedings to stay vntill shee behave herselfe otherwaies then fairely and orderly towards Maister Savill.'

[5] *Translation:* By the West.

LV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1636, October 13.

3. *Item*, wee present Adrian Garner for building his shop bulck into ye streete: *rented: iijs. vjd.*

10. *Item*, wee present the Lane betwixt the Towne and the Well which is out of repaire: *Camerarii.*[1]

16. *Item*, we present the Leene for want of scoweringe against Eastcrofte and Butcher's Close: *M*aiste*r Richards.*

25. *Item*, we present M*aiste*r Rob*er*t Sherwine, Alderman, for making a swinecote in Pepper street, to the annoyance of people goeing to Church: *fyned.*

30. *Item*, wee p*r*esent M*aiste*r Rob*er*t Brigges for inchroching w*i*th his porch at the Bridge end: *rented: vid.*

38. *Item*, wee present Charles Morland for getting Claye at Lower end of the Pinder's fee, at the end of the longe hedge, to the great danger of paseineres,[2] and wee humblely desier a spedye Remedy: *xs.*

39. It*em* we pr*e*sent Barneby Watnebye[3] for incroching vpon the towne's ground w*i*th a porch: *rented: viijd.*

This verdicte was taken the xxj^th of October, 1636, before W*illia*m Nixe, Maior, and Rob*er*t P*ar*ker, Alderman. 2786.

LVI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1636, Monday, October 31.

*M*aiste*r Richards and M*aiste*r Drewrie:*—This Companie are agreed thatt M*aiste*r [William] Richards and M*aiste*r [William] Drewrie, late Sheriffs, shall pay x. li. to the towne for nott makinge a Sheriff's dynner the last yeare, as by an order in M*aiste*r Hardmett's tyme, beinge Maior the last yeare, was agreed vpon,[4] and they beinge called in to knowe theire answeres herevnto, haue vtterly refused to stand to the same, or to refer themselves to the Companie, allthoughe earnestly intreated to refer themselves, by M*aiste*r Maior and the Companie.[5] 3411, fo. 43.

[1] *Translation:* The Chamberlains.

[2] *i.e.*, passengers.

[3] He was also presented by John Heyward at the Sessions on the 22nd of the same month for not scouring the ditch in St. Ann's Well close, and was fined 3s. 4d.

[4] An order was made September 30, 1636, that the then Sheriffs should make their dinner before Michaelmas, or else pay £10.

[5] They 'submitted themselves' on 29th November following, laying down the £10 fine, of which the 'Company' took only £5 in consideration of certain losses alleged by the Sheriffs.

1636, Tuesday, November 29.

*M*aister *Wigfall.*—This Companie, att the Request of S*i*r Thomas Huttchinson, and M*aiste*r Byron, and w*i*th the good lykinge of M*aiste*r Leeke, the Schoolemaister, have accepted of M*aiste*r Wiggfall, a maister of Artt, to be the Vsher in the Roomthe and place of M*aiste*r Lightefoote, the late Vsher, whoe hathe verie thanckfully accepted the same; and the saied M*aiste*r Wiggfall to haue onely x. li. *p*er *ann*um, and to have contynewance of the place and paym*en*t vpon his good behavior, and att the pleasure of this companie, and M*aiste*r Wiggfall to be observant to M*aiste*r Leake, the Schoolemaister, as vsually hath beene, and ys nowe thoughte fittinge, and in his absence to be reddy and diligent in the instrucc*i*on of M*aiste*r Leak's side, as hereafter shalbe occasioned; and this Companie are content thatt M*aiste*r Leake shall have xls. for teachinge the vsher's side this last quarter, and M*aiste*r Wiggfall to have xxs. geven him for his incouragem*en*t, for thatt hee is to receave nothinge before o*u*r Lady-day nexte; w*h*ich som*m*e of iij. li. is to be paied them by the Schoolewardens. 3411, fo. 46.

LVII.—*Extracts from the Bridgemasters' Account.*

1636-7.

Necesarie Expenses.

*It*em, spent of the workman to shooe[1] the hooles in the lane . . . iiijd.
*It*em, giuen widdow Colton's boy to guide men besides them . . . ijd.
*It*em, p*ai*d Rob*er*t Rooson and ij. more, for ladinge a hoole[2] in ye lanes. . . . . js. vjd.
*It*em, p*ai*d Hen*rie* Brightman and Fletcher on day's worke in ye lanes. . . . . js. iiijd.
*It*em, p*ai*d Rob*er*t Roson for a kitt[3] . . . . . . viijd.
*It*em, spent w*i*th Luke Dolfine and Rob*er*t Baker, to gayne advise . . . . jxd.
*It*em, p*ai*d to ye beadwomen in Barker Gate . . . . viijs.
*It*em, p*ai*d Griffin Lockowe for 300 c. of sixes, halfe a 100 c. of Eights, halfe a 100 c. of tenns, and jd. of latte neales[4] . . . . ijs. iiijd.

[1] shooe, to cover over.
[2] 'lading a hole,' draining a hole; 'lade,' to draw out water, to drain, etc.
[3] 'kitt,' a tub.
[4] 'latte neales,' lath nails.

*It*em, p*ai*d Henrie Brightman for lettinge water out of ye lanes . . . . vjd.

1938, fo. 1.

*It*em, for kiddinge 40 Kidds[1] yt went to ye hooles in ye walle . . . . viijd.

January 27. *It*em p*ai*d for a table booke to note things downe . . . . vjd.

Ib., fo. 2.

Marche 11th. *It*em, spent of a stranger yt came to bargayne for all ye worke. . . . . vjd.

*It*em, a greed w*i*th W*illia*m Clarke and p*ai*d him to finishe itt . . . . iij. li. xjs.

Ib., fo. 5.

*It*em, p*ai*d W*illia*m Clarke for j. load of Limbeestone[2] . viijs.

Ib., fo. 6.

*It*em, p*ai*d Rob*er*t Baker for cuttinge and squaringe a crooked peece for the bridge . . . . . . ijs.

*It*em, p*ai*d himselfe and 3 men 2 days to sett it vnder the bridge . . . . viijs. vjd.

*It*em, giuen them in ale . . . . iiijd.

*It*em, p*ai*d ye smith at bridgen for Iron worke . . . . ijs. iiijd.

Ib., fo. 7.

Item, p*ai*d Henrie Brightman for one Iron hooke for ye boate iiijd.

*It*em, p*ai*d 6 laborers for fillinge and teeminge .. . . . iijs.

Ib., fo. 8.

*It*em, giuen ye workemen, when ye began to driue pyles, to drincke, ye 20th of June . . . . vjd.

*It*em, p*ai*d W*illia*m Leake one day at the bridge . . viijd.

*It*em, to Mottley, with him, to take vp ye crowne of an arche viijd.

Ib., fo. 9.

*It*em, giuen W*illia*m Clarke, at crowninge vp of ye arche, in ale . . . . iijd.

*It*em, p*ai*d m*aiste*r Roos'man, for leadinge of 4 score and 4 load of gravell to the breach in the meadow wall . viijd.

*It*em, p*ai*d W*illia*m Leake, on[3] daye, to fill vp the top of ye arche . . . . viijd.

Ib., fo. 10.

[1] 'kidd,' a bundle of heath and furze. [2] *i.e.*, Linby stone. [3] on = one.

*It*em, agreed w*i*th Rich*ard* Merrine, to make vp ye gappe in the wall, for 4s. 4d. a rood; giuen him ouer, in ernest . . . . iiijd.

Ib., fo. 11.

LVIII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1636-7, Wednesday, January 25.

*M*aister[s] *Sheriffs: Tho*mas *Jackson:*—M*aiste*rs Sheriffs and Tho*mas* Jackson havinge some differences betweene them touchinge paym*en*t of Toll for Maulte thatt M*aiste*r Jackson sends to Derby weekely, to be sould and deliu*er*ed there, and havinge referred themselves and theire saied cawse to the hearinge and endinge of the Companie, Whoe are nowe of opynion thatt yf anie Burgesse have occasion to send anie Comodyties to anie other Markett to be sould there, or yf anie Burgesse haue occasion to buy anie Marchandize att a faire or Markett, or other place, and the contracte made before the deliu*er*ie, thatt then, in everie such case, thatt Burgess nott to pay anie Toll or Custome for the same Marchandise to the Sheriffs or theire officers: Butt yf anie forreyner buy anie Marchandize in this towne, and the deliu*er*ie be made here, or yf anie freeman or Burgesse contracte for or buy anie Marchandize in anie place to be deliu*er*ed here, then in those cases, the saied Marchandises and Comodyties to be guildable[1] onely; and this Companie are of opynion allsoe, thatt althoughe Straungers' horses bringe a freeman's goods or Marchandizes contracted for before to this towne, thatt then in suche cases, the horses are to goe free, because ytt is conceived thatt ytt is the goods and Marchandize onely thatt oughte to pay toll, and nott the horses, allthoughe caryed by a forreyn*er*'s horses, and yf M*aiste*r Jackson doe affirme vpon his Creditt thatt the goods or Maulte thatt M*aiste*rs Sheriffs have allreddy taken toll for, was nott sould before ytt came to Derby, thatt then M*aiste*rs Sheriffs shall make him restytuc*i*on of the monie soe taken. And M*aiste*r Jackson havinge nowe affirmed vpon his creditt before this companie, thatt the same Maulte was nott sould or deliu*er*ed vntill ytt was carryed att his chardge to Derby, the Sheriffs are ordered to make restituc*i*on.

Nota.[2]—The horses that carry a Burgesse's goods are nott to pay

[1] Liable to toll.

[2] *Nota*, note.

anie toll for those goods; Butt yf goods be nott boughte before the deliu*er*ie in this towne, then they are to pay; but yf to be deliu*er*ed ellswhere, then nott to pay. 3411, p. 48.

LIX.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1637, April 27.

1. *Imprimis*, wee present Bassitt low wepentack beein in decay for want of paueing.

2. Wee present Newarke wepentake for the like.

6. Wee present the long wall this side the Trent Bridge to bee in great decay for want of repaire: *mendinge.*

7. Wee present M*aiste*r Alderman James for the wharfige beeing in great decay: *to see the order.*

11. Wee present the Causey for want of steps, and wee present the middle Bridg in the Causey for want of repaire: *Camerarii.*[1]

12. Wee p*re*sent the new Bridg for want of repaire, and all the washin staires for the like: *Camerarii;*[1] *amended.*

Wee desire M*aiste*r Maior that the Issue[2] in the vpper end of Fisher gaite may haue the right passage.

15. Wee present George Wheatley for a dunghill anoiing the Holmes: *xijd.*

22. Wee present M*aiste*r Alderman James for the like: *xijd.*

26. We present M*aiste*r Alderman Sherwin for a Swine coat in Pepp*er* street: *fyned.*

41-2. Wee present M*aiste*r Druery for a porch against the week-day shambles: *fyned.*

44. Wee present John Howit for fishin with a showe nett: *ijs.*

48. Wee present Richard Borows for a dongehill one his back sid:[3] *xijd.* 2786.

LX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1637, Tuesday, May 23.

Maister David Woodroffe, the vsher.—This Companie, att the moc*i*on of M*aiste*r Leake, are content to admitt M*aiste*r David Woodroffe in the Vsher's place for the freeschoole, and to allowe him x. li. *p*er *Ann*um as M*aiste*r Wigfall had, his predicessor; and this

[1] *Translation:* The Chamberlains.
[2] Issue,] 'I*i*ssue,' MS.
[3] *i.e.*, at the rear of his premises.

place and this paym*en*t to be and Contynewe vnto him vpon his good deservinge, and att the pleasure of this companie, and his entrance to be from o*u*r Lady Day last. 3411, fo. 53.

1637, Monday, June 5.

Pore officer; order.—Ytt is ordered and agreed, thatt yf anie officer thatt shalbe ellected into anie office by the consent of this companie, and afterwards doe fall into want or decay, thatt then the p*ar*ishe oute of w*hi*ch hee was first Chosen, shall maynetayne him, in such his wants, w*i*thoute chardge or allowance from anie of the other p*ar*ishes in the towne, in case hee be putt oute of his office, and bee then in wantt.

William James the Beadle.—W*illia*m James, taylor, is by this Companie ellected and appoynted into the office of the Bedle for the wholl towne, Duringe the pleasure of this Companie, in the Roomes of W*illia*m Hollyman and W*illia*m Hall, and is to haue v. li. iiijs. wages yearely, to be p*aie*d him by the Chamberlaynes, and the howse att S*ain*t Johnes, where Robertt Blatherwicke is nowe kepte, and the p*ar*lour where Martyn Hall and his wyefe nowe are, and the Close there called the well close, allowinge Robertt Hassard, the other officer there, egresse and regresse to and for the vse of the same well, and to be aidinge and assistinge those thatt are there com*m*itted by anie of the Justices, and to haue a Coate yearely from the Chamberlaynes; and this office and allowances to be vnto him, att this Companie's good lykinge, and vpon his good behavior; and W*illia*m Hollyman, in regard of his poverty, to have xijd. weekely p*aie*d him by the Chamberlaines for the tyme beinge, and hee and W*illia*m Hall, att Midsomer day nexte, to leave theire offices of Beadles. 3411, fo. 54.

1637, June 7.

[1] Most of the members absent. Nothinge could be done att this Meetinge, becawse the companie was absent as appeares.

3411, fo. 55.

1637, Tuesday, June 20.

M*idsom*mer *watch.*—The wattche att Midsom*m*er to be spared att this tyme for this yeare, in regard of the danger of the tymes, the

[1] In the handwriting of Mr. Robert Greaves, the Mayor's Clerk.

Countrie townes beinge visited with sicknes;[1] butt this nott to be a president[2] for discontynuance in future tymes.

Tith-hay.—This Companie are agreed to lett the tith-hay for 7 yeares att xviij. li. *per Annum*; and to begynne this yeare; and to be lymitted att 49 loads; and the Schoolewardens to pay the pore people, and the takers to have the monie allreddy receaved from the Schoolewardens; and the takers to pay the monie before *Michaelis*[3] yearely. 3411, fo. 57.

1637, Tuesday, July 4.

Memorandum, thatt the Sessors are appoynted to make a Sessment for defrayinge the weekely chardge of Maddmen, and buildinge of the Cabbyns, and payment to wattchmen, and other payments to them thatt are shutt vpp. 3411, fo. 58.

LXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1637, July 17.

Per Constabularios.[4]

Imprimis, wee present Maister Thomas Atkin for erecting a new Tenement: *fyned.*

Item, wee present Roger Kerck for makinge a fiare in the towne street, dangerously: *xijd.*

Item, wee present John Gee, his wyfe, for scouldinge: *ducked.*

78, ro. 95.

Per occidentem.[5]

We present George Bucher for fishinge in the Leene dyvers tymes, with a nett, Called a shoue nett, to ye vallewe of 20d.: *fyned.*

Ib., ro. 98.

LXII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1637, Monday, August 7.

Memorandum, Maister Maior, Maister [John] James, Maister [William] Drewrie, the Chamberlaynes, and the Woodward are required to goe againe to the Copies[6] to cutt downe and sett oute

[1] Sickness was very prevalent at this time, not only in the town, but in the parishes of West Bridgford, Cotgrave, Bingham, and East Bridgford, for the relief of which parishes a collection was made on the 12th September following.

[2] president = precedent.

[3] Michaelis = Michaelmas.

[4] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[5] *Translation:* By the west.

[6] Copies = Coppice.

certen ould decayed trees to make pyles for the bridges thatt nowe stande in greate need of repaire.[1] 3411, fo. 59.

1637, Tuesday, September 26.

Lyncolne men.—M*aiste*r Morecrofte, M*aiste*r Kent, and M*aiste*r Marshall, three Aldermen of Lyncoln, was (*sic*) att this meetinge, and before this companie, and broughte an answere to thatt w*hi*ch was proposed by Serieant Bonn,[2] M*aiste*r Greaves, and M*aiste*r Widoson, and the effecte thereof was, thatt the Cittie of Lyncolne are nott content to geue way thatt o*u*r tradesmen should frequent theire Markett, and thatt they woulde stand vpon the strength of theire order, lately by them made, to restrayne the cominge of anie tradesmen to theire markett. 3411, fo. 65.

LXIII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1637, October 20.

Wee pr*e*sent one of the Store houses at the Trent bridge to be in decay, for want of buildinge vp: *Bridgm*aiste*rs*.

Wee pr*e*sent M*aiste*r John James, Ald*erman*, for not keepinge the Neather Worfe in repaire, to the great lose of the ground: *vs.*

Wee request that the Middle-tourne hoole, next Bober's milne, may haue a new stone set in it, or the ould stone taken vp, and the hoole fild, and the stone set aloft, for euery shower of raine fills vp the hoole: *reformed.*

Wee pr*e*sent M*aiste*r Thomas Malin for anoyinge the Streete against S*ain*t Mary's Church stile, with his mydinge:[3] *reformed.*

Wee pr*e*sent M*aiste*r Richard Hardmett, ald*erman*, makeinge a dike in Westcroft, to the danger of cattle in a flud: *reformed.*

Wee pr*e*sent Hugh Gelson for anoyinge the Leene w*i*th caryon: *vs.*

Wee pr*e*sent M*aiste*r Robert Sherwin, Maior, for makeinge a swine cote in Peper streete: *dead.*

Wee pr*e*sent Nicholas Sherwin for takeinge vp the fattes[4] in his yard, and sellinge of them, beinge the towne gronde: *iijs. iiijd.*

Wee pr*e*sent John Heawood for soferinge his swine to be in the feelde in barley-harvest time: *ijs. vjd.*

Wee request the backside the Cowlane barr may [be] repar*e*d, for yt is in greate danger of passingers' horses.

[1] One of the middle arches having fallen. See previous note.

[2] Sworn burgess, August 14, 1637.

[3] dunghill.

[4] fattes = vats.

Wee request that George Rose may bee satisfied[1] for[2] settinge the stone in the Middell-torne holle next Bober's milne: 24 *Oct.*, 1637: *Maister Maior gaue him vjd. oute of the Caslie boxe.* 2787.

LXIV.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1637-8, January 15.

Good M*aiste*r Maior, I beseech your Worship, for God's cause, to remember the poore prisoner Richard Ivans, your petitioner, who is both starved for want of Clothes and foode, and owes monie to the poore man that tends of me, to bedge[3] the towne, for your Worship did appoynt that M*aiste*r Wooley and his brother Terpin should giue me six pence a weecke towards my releefe, but the[4] haue giuen me nothinge this monnth, soe that I am pynd and starved for want of things nesessesarie (*sic*); Wherfore I beseech your good Worship to right me at this time, and I shall be bound to pray for you soe long as I live.

I intreat your Worship that I may com vp into the Hall to speake for my selfe. 79, ro. 46.

LXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1637-8, Friday, January 18.

[5]*Maister Burrowes.*—This companie are agred thatt M*aiste*r W*illia*m Burrowes, the Salltepeeter man, shall be made Burgeies (*sic*) w*i*thoute payinge anie thinge to the towne savinge vjs. viijd., and the other Small Fees vsually paied; and in regard of this favour, hee doth promis to this Companie to free the Towne and Townesmen from all chardges and expences touchinge the Salte-peeter works here, either to himselfe or to anie thatt shall Succeed him therein, for the tearme of fower yeares nowe nexte ensewinge, in leadinge liquors or anie other Materialls whattsoeu*er*, touchinge the same workes or busines, and the towne to geue him 40s. att *Mich*aeli*s*[6] nexte in Curtesie, towards the saied Chardges, and theire freedomes herein. And this beinge Read of M*aiste*r Burrowes, hee is well content, and hath herevnto subscribed his name, and was sworne Burgeis accordingly. Before the Companie.[7] 3412, pp. 42-3.

[1] *i.e.*, recompensed.
[2] 'for' repeated in MS.
[3] bedge = beg?
[4] the = they.
[5] Condensed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 635.
[6] Michaelis = Michaelmas.
[7] The signature of Burrowes, 'Willm Borrowes,' is appended to this minute.

1637-8, Tuesday, February 20.

Maister Leeke.—This Companie havinge taken into Considera*c*ion the demaunds of M*aiste*r Leeke, the Schoolemaister, touchinge the xxxj. li. iijs. iiijd., arreres due from M*aiste*r Hopkyn, late Schoolewarden, for M*aiste*r Leeke's an*n*uall allowance for teachinge Schoole, and havinge referred himselfe and the same busines to the order of this Companie, ytt is ordered thatt M*aiste*r Leeke shall onely receave xxx. li., and abate the odd monie, and the same xxx. li. to be paied him by iij. li. vjs. viijd. yearely att *Mich*ael*is*[1] by the Schoolewardens then in beinge; and yf M*aiste*r Leeke shall dye, or leave the Schoole, before the saied xxx. li. be fully paied, yett the same an*n*uall paym*en*t to be contynewed to him, his executors and Administrators, Nottw*i*thstandinge such deathe or removeall of the saied M*aiste*r Leeke; and to this agream*en*t M*aiste*r Leeke hathe assented by wittnessing the same Vnder his hand.[2] 3412, p. 47.

LXVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1638, April 9.

Ex parte Occidentali.[3]

Imprimis, wee present Kathern Cooke, of the p*ari*sh of S*ai*nt Peeter's, about the age of fifty, for nott cominge to her one[4] p*ari*sh Church by the space of three months last past.

Item, wee present Kathern Cooke, about the age of 18, and Mary Cooke, about the age of 16, Daughters of Michell Cooke, of the S*ai*nt Peter's p*ar*ish, for the like: *xijs. a piece.* 79, ro. 49.

Per Constabularios.[5]

Imprimis, Wee p*re*sent William Lealand (*iijs. iiijd.*), for keepinge of a masty[6] bytch vnmusled.

Item, Wee p*re*sent Widdowe Rose for keepinge of an unlawfull Dogg vnmusled, which hath done much hurt, and warninge hath been giuen diuers tymes: *xs.*

Item, Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Terpin for makinge a dunghill in the Fryer lane: *iijs. iiijd.*

[1] See *ante.*

[2] The signature 'Tho. Leeke' is appended to this minute.

[3] *Translation:* From the Western side.

[4] *i.e.*, own.

[5] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[6] *i.e.*, mastiff.

Item, Wee present Robert Petty for the same: *iijs. iiijd.*

Item, Wee present Henry Hill for taking in of an inmate, John Littlefaye his wyfe: *xs.* 79, ro. 54.

LXVII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1638, April 12.

1. Wee present the Trent lane for beinge in decay for want of grauell.

5. We present the wall at the hither End of the Trent Bridge for not being made vp.

7. We present the vppare Trent Close, Called 'the Aldermen's Close,' for being in decay for want of Water Worke: *Bridgmaisters.*

9. We present the new bridges for beinge in decay, and the Leein bancks aboue the bridg for beinge in decay: *amended.*

10. We present Maister Humphray Greaus for Cuttinge vp the soyll vppon the tope of Sand hill: *vs.*

15. We present the top of the Hollowstone for want of Realls.

16. We present the top of the Malinge hill for the like.

26. We present John James, the taylor, for anoyinge the Rowell[1] at Grayfrayre gate with manure: *xijd.*

27. We present the towne for the wall of the Rowell beinge in decay in the same place.

31. We present the well against Maister William Parker's, at the Chapwell Bare, for beinge oute of Repayre: *repayred.*

We present Richard Mitchell for gettinge stone out of the towne wall: *fyned.* 2787.

LXVIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1638, Monday, May 7.

Woods to be sett oute for the bridges.—This Companie are agreed thatt in regard the Bridges are and doe stand in greate need of repaire, and especially in the pylinge the Cheife Arches thatt nowe lye bare, and yf omitted this Summer may be in danger of fallinge, Maister James, Maister Nixe, Maister Derbishire, Maister Drewrie, the Chamberlaynes, and the Woodward are now presently to sett oute in our owne woods soe much as shalbe needfull for the present

[1] sewer.

vse of the Bridges, and such as may be best spared, as in theire discreations shalbe thoughte fitt.

Common workes.—Ytt is agreed thatt for the better *per*formance of the Com*m*on worke, the Constables in everie ward are to demaund of everie howseholder that fyndethe a wholl wattchman, vjd. yearely, and everie one thatt fyndeth halfe a man,[1] to pay onely iijd. yearely, and everie one thatt hath a droughte, to pay onely vjs. for the wholl yeare; and yf anie man refuse to *per*forme this order, then to fynde a man everie day; and to serve w*i*th his draughte for soe manie tymes and dayes as by lawe and by order they are lymitted, or ells to be presented and fyned. 3412, p. 50.

LXIX.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1638, May 19.

[2] *Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:*[3] The Examinac*i*on of Luke Bosworth, of Lenton, in the Countie of Nottingham, Laborer, taken before Robert Sherwin, Maior of the towne of Nottingham, and one of his Ma*jes*t*ie*'s Justices of the Peace, etc., the xixth day of May, in [the] xiiijth yeare[4] of his Ma*jes*t*ie*'s raigne that now is of England, etc., as followeth:—

The saied Luke Bosworth beinge accused for a wizard, for tellinge where the Cloth was, that was taken from the Becke side, beinge putt to John Garland and Richard Carson, of the towne of Nott*ingham*, to bee bleched there, and being examined conc*er*ning the same, saieth that the saied John Garland and Richard Carson had speech w*i*th him, this examinate, on Satturday last, and prayed him to goe w*i*th them to the Becke side, and the next morninge, being Sunday, hee, this examinate, went w*i*th them accordinglie, and this exa*min*ate saieth, that they then prayed him to helpe them to the saied Cloth, or to tell them where itt was, and they would pay him well for his paines; But hee saieth, that hee then tould them that hee could doe nothinge in itt, yett hee confesseth that they then gaue him two shillings for his paines thither, and further is not examined.[5]

[1] 'fyndeth halfe a man,' *i.e.*, pays half towards the 'finding' of one man.

[2] Noticed in Bailey under date 1637, vol. ii., p. 633.

[3] *Trans.:* Town of Nottingham, to wit.

[4] As James I. died on March 25th, 1625, the 'xiiijth' year would be 1638, but as the presentments which immediately precede and follow this are all dated in the xiijth year, this may belong to the same date, *i.e.*, 1637, 'xiiijth' possibly being a slip of the pen for xiijth.

[5] Bosworth's mark is appended to this statement.

Luke Bosworth, de Lenton, in comitatu Nottinghamiae, Laborer, in x. li., Edmundus Whitinge de Lentoun praedicta, in comitatu praedicto, Carpinter, et Willelmus Ferne, de villa Nottinghamiae, Laborer, in v. li. uterque:[1]

That the saied Luke [Bosworth] shall appeare att the next generall Sessions of the peace to be holden for the county of the towne, etc.[2] 79, ro. 82.

LXX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1638, Monday, May 28.

Burgess partts.—Everie Burgess thatt haue (*sic*) Burgesse partts haue libertie to pass the same away for Supply of his or her necessities, yf need require, Nottwithstandinge some Voices and oppynions were to the Contrarie, as appearethe aboue, vpon theire seuerall heads, in this page.[3] 3412, fo. 53.

1638, Thursday, June 21.

[4]Midsommer evens Wattche to be contynewed with garlands, as heretofore, and the notts[5] are onely againste ytt. 3412, fo. 55.

LXXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1638, July 16.

Per orientem.[6]

We present William Alline, of the parish of Saint Maryes, for not comminge to his parish Church the last thre moneths past, beinge aboue the Age of thre skore: *xijs.*

We present Catherine Cooke, the wyfe of Michaell Cooke, of the Parish of Saint Peter's, for not Comminge to her parish Church the last thre moneths past, beinge about the Age of fiftie years: *xijs.*

[1] *Translation:* Luke Bosworth, of Lenton, in the county of Nottingham, Laborer, in x. li., Edmund Whitinge, of Lenton aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, Carpenter, and William Ferne, of the town of Nottingham, Laborer, in v. li. each.

[2] In Bailey, it is stated that 'the charge was attempted to be supported by a tissue of evidence, given by two or three silly people, of the most puerile kind possible; after which the accused was dismissed with a suitable admonition from the bench. There appears to be no authority for these statements.

[3] The assenting 'voices' were 12, the dissentient 8, including the Mayor, Robert Sherwin.

[4] Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 640.

[5] The 'notts' are against seven out of fifteen names of those present at this meeting.

[6] *Translation:* By the east.

We p*re*sent Catherine Cook, the daughter of Michaell Cooke, of the p*ar*ish of Saint Peter's, for not Cominge to her p*ar*ish Church the last thre moneths past, beinge aboue the age of sixteine years: *xijs.*

We p*re*sent Will*iam* Alline for keepinge a Scoulle,[1] beinge a Recusant: *vs.* 79, ro. 66.

Per occidentem.[2]

3. Wee p*re*sent Thomas Atkin for putting 2 geldings or mares into the meadowes this present July, 1638.

4. Wee p*re*sent Truston[3] Bacon for putting three cowes into the meadowes this p*re*sent July, 1638: *xs.*

5. Wee p*re*sent Gabriell Hodgin for putting 2 scabd horses or mares into the meadowes: *xxs.* 79, ro. 68.

Per Constabularios.[4]

Item, wee p*re*sent William Lenton his wyfe (*ijs.*), for scoulding in the church yard uppon the Sabbath daye.

Item, wee p*re*sent Hugh Colson (*vs.*) for Annoyeinge the higheways w*i*th horse bones.

Item, wee p*re*sent Henry Wright his wyfe (*ducked*), w*hi*ch liueth in the Hollow stone, and Humphrey Froggett his wyfe, for scouldinge.

Item, wee p*re*sent William Hall his wyfe (*ducked*), for scouldinge bellman.

Item, Widdow Tutin and Muddin Sharpe (*dead*), in the beadhouse for the lyke. 79, ro. 70.

[5]*Item*, wee present Henry Wright, his wyfe, w*hi*ch liueth in the Hollow stone, and Homphrey Froggett, his wyfe, for scouldinge: *ducked.*

Item, wee present William Hall his wyfe for scouldinge bellman: *ducked.*

Item, wee present Georg Heire, his wyfe, for scouldinge: *ducked.*

Item, wee present widdow Anderson for the like: *ducked.*

Item, Alize Pett for the lyke: *ducked.*[6]

Item, widdow Tutin and Muddin Sharpe (*dead*) in the beadhouse for the like. 80, ro. 76.

[1] *i.e.*, a school.

[2] *Translation:* By the west.

[3] Probably for 'Tristram.'

[4] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[5] These presentments were also made by the Constables, and bear the same date and have some of same names as the preceding.

[6] Bailey (ii., 639) quotes a supposed entry in the Hall Book of this date, of 'Six women presented by the constables as scolds; ordered to be ducked.' There is no such entry, but the six women meant are no doubt those named above.

LXXII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1638, Thursday, August 30.

[1] *Hollings paid for maulte xxij. li. xiiijs. viijd.* — *M*emoran*d*um, Thomas Hollings, the Maultster, hauinge deliu*er*ed to the purveyor for the King's Butterie, Eleaven quarters of Maulte, hathe here receaved for the same Maultt xxij. li. xiiijs. viijd., after the Rate of xljs. iiijd. by the newe measure, wherew*i*th hee is satisfied.

3412, fo. 60.

LXXIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1638, October 8.

Per orientem.[2]

1. We p*re*sent Will*iam* Alline for not cominge to the Church the last thre moneths past, beinge about the Age of threscore years: *xijs.*

5. We p*re*sent Will*iam* Alline, of the p*ar*ish of Saint Maries, for keepinge a skoulle,[3] being a recusant: *vs.*

6. We present Henery Armesone, for kepinge of a dumbe boy that Cometh out of the Cuntrie: *xs.*

7. We present Griffine Lockey for Ingrossinge[4] fresh hearrings into his hand, and sellinge of the[m] againe: *ijs. vjd.*

9. We Request that you will be pleased to speak to Rich*ard* Wood that Oure parish of Saint Maryes might be dischargd of M*ist*ris Lasenbey and her Chilldren. 80, ro. 2.

Per occidentem.[5]

Item, wee p*re*sent Henry Hill for lately errecting too tenements in a howse taken of the towne in the p*ar*ish of S*ain*t Peter's: *iiij. li. vjs. 8d.*

*It*em, we p*re*sent M*aiste*r Atkin for errecting diverse tenements in Castell gate, in ye p*ar*ish of S*ain*t Nicholas: *iiij. li. vis. viijd.*

80, ro. 6.

Per Constabularios.[6]

Item, wee p*re*sent Richard Wood (*x. li.*) at the Trent bridges, for takinge in of farriners,[7] M*aiste*r Lazenby and his family.

[1] Quoted by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 640; Bailey adds some strictures on His Majesty's practices in this matter, and remarks that the entry shows that the malt was considerably dearer then than now.

[2] *Translation:* By the east.

[3] *i.e.*, school.

[4] *i.e.*, purchasing in large quantities to sell again at a high price.

[5] *Translation:* By the west.

[6] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[7] 'farriner,' non-burgess.

Item, we p*re*sent Edward Wyare (*ijs.*), for settinge his carts in the heigh waye, and claye lyeinge vnconveniently at his doore.

Item, wee p*re*sent Thomas Ashby (*xxs.*), a millner, for takinge a bastard child, a farryner.[1]

Item, wee p*re*sent William Richards (*iijs. iiijd.*), shoomaker, for Windoweinge in the street.[2] 80, ro. 8.

LXXIV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1638, October 11.

1. *Impr*imis, wee p*re*sent the towne for the neclect of showing[3] the Cheney Poole Close issue, wheare the mill horses goes.

6. *It*em, wee p*re*sent John Purdey for diging of sodds vppon the common, as hee saith for the vse of S*i*r Tho*ma*s Hutchinson.

7. Wee p*re*sent the towne for diging of a clay pit neare vnto the Cowe poole, in the roade way, to the danger of passingers; wee request ye speedie mending of it.

8. *It*em, We p*re*sent M*aiste*r Major[4] for the building of a porch to farr out into the streete: *xijd.; rented.* 2788.

LXXV.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1638, Thursday, October 25.

*Castle-coortt petic*i*on.*—This companie are agreed thatt a petic*i*on shalbe drawne to the King's Ma*jes*tie touchinge the inconveniences the towne suffers by the castle-coortt, and the same to be preferred this tearme, and a referrence to be had (yf ytt may be), to the Judges of the circute, and M*aiste*r[s] Recorder and Aldermen to be acquaynted w*i*th this busines nexte meetinge, to have theire consents thereuvnto. 3413, fo. 55.

LXXVI.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1638, December 14.

Nottingham, this 14th day of December, 1638.

M*aiste*r Greaues, there is a bad tricke[5] played ou*r* Com*m*ittee by one W*illia*m Hives, an aprentis vnto Richard Plant, taylor; he is a

[1] 'farryner,' non-burgess.

[2] street,] 'steet,' MS.

[3] *i.e.*, covering over.

[4] *i.e.*, Mayor.

[5] The 'bad trick' is not specified, but it seems to have been a petty theft of some kind, judging from the concluding words of the letter.

very symple boye, littell better then a naturall foole, God help him, a fatherles child, and the first falt, as wee hope, that ever he com*m*itted, and it maye please God it maye be the last, and we are very loath to haue him openly pvnished or araingned for it, yf jvstice maye be satysfied other waies; therefore wee doe crave yo*u*r favour to helpe vs out in the best maner you can, that all may be well, and his frends nott disgraced in any maner by it or him, and wee wilbe all thanckfull to you for it. I did help to place him with his M*aiste*r; w*hi*ch makes me to writt to you in his behalf, and the Rather becavse I did never know any of his name or blood Deteckted for 6d. in mylyfe, before this tyme; thus hopeinge you will find a salve to core[1] this wound in a Reasonable maner, I seace[2] and Rest,

Y*o*ur loveinge frend, Richard Hardmett, Allder*man*.

80, ro. 35.

LXXVII.—*Extracts from the Bridgemasters' Account.*

Repares for the Trent Bridges, 1638, as followeth:—

	li.	s.	d.
*Imp*r*imis*, p*ai*d for paper	0	0	5
P*ai*d Tollett and Atkinson for fetchinge the boate beneath Collicke	0	1	8
P*ai*d M*aiste*r Drurye for leadinge of xx. loade of ramell[3] from S*i*r Thomas Huchinson's into the lanes	0	5	0
P*ai*d Atkinson for breakinge the ice about the boate, and lettinge the water out of the lanes twice, with spreadinge ramell[3]	0	1	0
P*ai*d Averell and his man for tow day[4] worke daubinge the storehouse, with tow stone of haye	0	2	10
P*ai*d Thomas Mabatt for tow loade of daubinge clay.	0	3	0
P*ai*d Thomas Mabatt for tow loade of settinge claye.	0	4	0
P*ai*d Thomas Mabatt for remoueinge tow load of wood from[5] Tile House Greene to the briges	0	2	0
	1939, fo. 1.		
Spent at Seinttan well at settinge forth the wood	0	2	6
	Ib., fo. 2.		
P*ai*d for lent of a pan and Brand Iron	0	2	0
	Ib., fo. 4.		

[1] core = cure.
[2] seace = cease, conclude.
[3] rubbish.
[4] *i.e.*, two days.
[5] from,] 'form,' MS.

LXXVIII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1638-9, Friday, March 1.

Towne's detts:—This meetinge was to knowe whatt this companie will geue to sett the towne oute of dett, and these present are content to geue, as is sett vpon their heads, to be p*aie*d in twoe yeares by equall porc*i*ons, the first paym*en*t to be att o*u*r Lady-day next:— M*aiste*r Maior 31s. *per annum* for 2 *annos*; 4 li. in 2 yeares; M*aiste*r Gregorie 21s. *vt supra; idem.*[1] M*aiste*r Hardmett 32s.; *idem.*[2] M*aiste*r Toplady 31s.; *idem.*[2] M*aiste*r Greaves 31s.; *idem.*[2] M*aiste*r P*ar*ker 3li., M*aiste*r Recklesse 21s. 8d.: 40s. M*aiste*r James, 6s. 8d. *per annum*; M*aiste*r Perrie 20s.; M*aiste*r Derbishire liijs. iiijd.; M*aiste*r Richards 40s.; M*aiste*r Groues 20s.; M*aiste*r Cooke 40s.; Ezechie Reason 26s. 8d.; John Parsons 26s. 8d.; Anth*onie* Wrighte 10s.; Wi*llia*m Sumner 26s. 8d.; M*aiste*r Wynfeild 40s.

3413, fos. 59-60.

LXXIX.—*Extracts from the Mickletorn Jury Presentments.*

1639, May 12.

Presentments made by the Midleturne, the 12th of May, 1639:—

1. We present the Brigmaisters for the Wall at the farther End of the Leine Bridg being in decay: *amended.*

3. We Reqest that their may be a Reall[3] set a longe by the foot Bridg at the further End of the Leine bridge: *amended.*

5. We Request that the banck may be repayrd at the farther side of the meaddow gate to wards the Rye hils: *amended.*

6. We p*re*sent M*aiste*r Sherife Jacksone for letting his Burges part by the Leine side to a farrinare,[4]—Josephe Cawdrill: *He is dischardged per le Sessions holden the xv° July*, 1639, *for thatt hee lett ytt to William Greene.*

10. We p*re*sent the Chamberlins for the want of a Reall[3] at the Boston Bridge: *amended.*

11. We p*re*sent Stephen Robards (*ijs.*) for building a pentice[5] vpon the town's Wast before the hospitall at the Bridgend: *rented.*

12. We p*re*sent Robert Ball, Chandlare, for lettinge a barne on the town's Ground to a farrinare:[4] *xs.*

[1] *Translation:* as above; the same.

[2] The same.

[3] reall = rail.

[4] *i.e.*, non-burgess.

[5] pentice = penthouse.

13. We p*re*sent Hugh Gelson for layinge manure vndar one of the Arches at the Leine Bridge: *ijs.* 2788.

LXXX.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1639, Tuesday, June 20.

Towne's detts:—This Companie are agreed to pay the severall somes sett vpon theire heads towards the paym*en*t of the towne's debts, to be paied in fower paym*en*ts, the firste paym*en*t to be made att *Mich*ael*is*[1] nexte, and the nexte att o*ur* Lady-day, and the other twoe att *Mich*ael*is*[1] and our Lady-day followinge; and this Companie are agreed and haue promised to pay and p*er*forme the same accordingly; and the other Burgesses thorowe[2] the wholl towne to be called in by wards, and to be p*er*swaded to make and geue free Contribuc*i*ons for the payment of the saied detts, and M*aiste*r Maior beinge moved to appoynt a tyme for the callinge of the Reste of the Burgesses in to contribute, refuseth to appoynt anie tyme, becawse hee lykes nott of the moc*i*on or way, butt would haue everie man to p*ar*tt w*i*th his Burgesse p*ar*tt whether hee will or noe, and therefore hath dischardged all those that haue p*ar*tts in Eastcrofte from Medlinge w*i*th them, butt will appoynt the Chamberlaynes to lett the same. M*aiste*r Maior iiij. li., M*aiste*r James iiij. li., M*aiste*r Nixe iiij. li., M*aiste*r Gregorie iiij. li., M*aiste*r Hardmett iiij. li., M*aiste*r Toplady iiij. li., M*aiste*r Greaves iiij. li., M*aiste*r Parker iij. li., M*aiste*r Recklesse xls., M*aiste*r James xls., M*aiste*r Perrie xxs., M*aiste*r Derbishire iij. li., M*aiste*r Bateman xls., M*aiste*r Collishawe xls., M*aiste*r Richards xls., M*aiste*r Groues xxs., M*aiste*r Cooke xls., M*aiste*r Dringg xls., M*aiste*r Millner xls., M*aiste*r Drewrie iij. li., M*aiste*r W*illia*m Richards xls., M*aiste*r Widoson xls., John Sherwin 26s. 8d., Ezechias Reason 26s. 8d., John Parsons 26s. 8d., Anthonie Wrighte 10s., W*illia*m Sumner 26s. 8d., M*aiste*r Winfeild xls. 3413, fo. 66.

LXXXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1639, July 15.

Per orientem.[3]

Wee dooe humblely desier that the Constables may gather vp the mony presently for Com*m*on Worke, or ells that they w*hic*h denyes

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas. [2] thorowe = through, throughout.
[3] *Translation:* By the east.

payment may presently Com*m*on w*i*th thear droughtes[1] or other, beefoer the Assises, for sum of ower Compeny hath hard Gentlemen of the Cuntry threaten the Towne at this next Assises. 80, ro. 66.

*Present*m*ents by Michael Brightman xv° July, 1639.*

[I present] John Parsons for layinge of Meanor[2] in the Medowes before the[3] hay was caryed from the same grownd, w*hi*ch mucke or Maynu[2] is verie noisome and dangerous for cattle.

Edw*ard* Richards ju*nior*, for the lyke.
Rob*er*t Godfrey for the lyke.
W*illia*m White for the lyke.

Ignoramus.[4] Michael Brightman, *Juratus.*[5] 80, ro. 67.

Per Constabularios.[6]

Imprimis, wee present John Ripon for Anoying Sen James lane with a dungill : *fyned.*

Item, Richard Brinsla for not paying the wach, and puting out the cunstabell out of his house by violence :[7] *iijs. iiijd.* 80, ro. 71

LXXXII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1640, Wednesday, April 15.

This Companie takinge into Consideraci*o*n the towne's detts, and thatt they doe amount vnto 550 li., for w*hi*ch, or the moste p*ar*tt thereof the towne payeth intereste, and the Chamber of the towne, by reason of those and such lyke payments, is nott able to subsiste, nor the Revenewes sufficient to defray or beare the same Chardges and expences, Therefore they are agreed and doe order thatt they thatt have anie p*ar*tts in Eastcrofte, shall yearely pay xxxs. for three yeares, and they thatt have anie p*ar*tt[s] in Westcrofte, to pay yearely for the same tearme, 40s. ; the same paym*en*ts to be made and paied to such collector or collectors as shalbe nominated by M*aiste*r Maior for the tyme beinge, and the same monies to be paied att the layinge oute of the same p*ar*tts, or when the hay is mowed downe, yearely duringe the saied tearme.[8] 3414, fo. 47.

[1] drays, etc.

[2] manure.

[3] the,] 'they,' MS.

[4] *Translation:* We ignore it = no true bill.

[5] *Translation:* Sworn.

[6] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[7] He was also at the same time fined 10s. for taking an inmate.

[8] This minute is followed by various orders (too lengthy for insertion) for payments by tenants of town lands.

LXXXIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1640, October 12.

Per occidentalem partem.[1]

We present Herauld Gamble for keeping of a skabbed horse vppon the Commons, loose: *xs.*

We present Maister William Greaves, of Nuttall, for anoyinge ye Narrow Marsh with Ramill[2] and sand: *amended.*

We present Maister Roberte Theoballs, minister, for the like in the same streete: *amended.* 81, ro. 4.

Per Constabularios.[3]

Imprimis, wee present John Richards for keepinge a masty dogg vnmusled: *fyned.*

Item, we present Richard Smith for denyeinge to sell a pennyworth of ale out of doers: *iijs. iiijd.*

Item, wee present Thomas Bagguiley for denyeinge soldiers lodginge, and givinge ill language to the Constable, being broughte him by a constable: *xijd.*

Item, wee present Ann Clarke for denieinge soldiers lodginge, and givinge ill speeches, and havinge noe lodgers in her house: *ijs. vjd.*

Item, wee present John Pye for denyeinge soldiers lodginge for theire money: *ijs. vjd.* 81, ro. 5.

LXXXIV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1640, October 22.

*Impr*imis, we present Michaell Brightman for not scowring the dike betweene the Pindar fee, and Westcraft: *xijd.*

4. We present Ritchard Wood for his Wharfage being in decay: *xs.*

We request there may be a reale set, to keepe out horses out of the Bughoales, for treading in the dike: *done.*

We request there may be 3 Mearestones[4] betweene the parke end and Radford hedge noocke.

6. We present Robert Wood for digging up the foote way towards Saint Ann's Well, to the danger of passingers: *xijd.*

11. We present Allderman Burton for annoying Hallyfaxe lane with his Meanor:[5] *xijd.*

[1] *Translation:* By the western side.

[2] rubbish.

[3] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[4] *i.e.*, boundary stones.

[5] Meanor = manure.

13. We present M*aiste*r William Greaues' Clerke for annoying the street neare the Churchyard syde with filth: *xijd.*

15. We present Jhon Hillton for not dressing before his dore: *xijd.*

18. We present Jhon Hilton, the baker, for not scowring the dike in Butcher's Close: *xijd.*

20. We present Barnabe Watnabe for the like: *xijd.*

23. We present Hugh Selston for annoying the Com*m*on with Carrion, and horse bones: *ijs.*

31. We request there may be a brigge ouer the Rowell[1] in Lister gate: *Camerarii.*[2]

We request the Tolehouse may either be repayred, or taken downe: *taken downe.*

We request the bullringe may either be repayred, or taken downe, likewise: *repayred.*

35. We present M*aiste*r William Parker, sherrife, for annoying the sands with his rammell:[3] *ijs.*

36. We present Ritchard Watkinson for incroching with his bulkes into the townes street: *ijs. vjd.*

37. We present Richard Watkinson for th[r]owing his ramell[3] into the hollow ouer the Market wall: *vs.*

We request the hoale of this side the Malt milne may be mended: *Camerarii.*[2]

42. We present M*aiste*r William Fletcher, recorder, for not dressing away the durte before his barne in Friar lane: *ijs. vjd.*

44. We present Ritchard Michael for laying his meaner[4] uppon the backe side: *xijd.*

58. We present Nicolas Walker for not dressing his backe side[5] neare the Com*m*on well.[6]

We present Ritchard Smith for reuealing the secretts of the jurie: *mistaken.*

We present Ritchard Smith for being absent at the uerdit[7] giuing up: *ijs. vjd.*

We request there may be a Swineherd, as heretofore there hath beene: *there is one.*

[1] 'Rowell,' sewer, etc.
[2] *Translation:* The Chamberlains.
[3] rubbish.
[4] manure.
[5] *i.e.*, not cleaning his back premises.
[6] The fine is torn off.
[7] *i.e.*, verdict.

xxiij° *Octobris*, 1640.

This verdicte was taken before W*illia*m Drewrie, Maior, M*aiste*r James, and M*aiste*r Hardmett, Aldermen. 2789.

LXXXV.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1640, Tuesday, November 3.

*William Newcome, post*maister.[1]—W*illia*m Newcome, Baker, hath vndertaken to be postmaister for this towne from Martynmas day nexte for Three Monethes,[2] and the towne to allowe him 40s. for thatt tyme, and hee to provide three horses w*i*th sadles and bridles, too be allwaies reddy for this service vpon everie occasion, and a guyde for thatt service; and to save the towne harmeless from all trobles by reason of this service, and to be reddy w*i*th his three horses and Guyde. 3415, fo. 46.

LXXXVI.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1640-1.

[3]Right Worshipfull of this Corporacion:

Whereas the beare[r] heareof, John Gosson, of this towne, flecher,[4] doth desire yo*ur* worships, that yo*u* would be pleased to take some order that the arte of Artillery may be vseed in this Corporacion as itt ought to be, and that the Buttes may be Repayred, and so kepe theise things [from] nott beinge perf*or*med accordinge to the Statute; and yo*ur* foresayd flecher[4] nott beinge able to travell abroad, as he hath formerly[5] done, by Reason that itt hath pleased God to vissitt him lately with great sicknes, hath thought good to apeale to yo*ur* worships in the Sesshons houlden for this Corporacion; so, desireing yo*ur* worships that theise things may be efected acording to Law, he leaue[s] itt to yo*ur* worthy Consideracion.

Yo*ur* flecher,[4] John Gosson. 81, ro. 14.

LXXXVII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1641, Wednesday, April 21.

Jarvis Newcome, the Officer:—This Companie are content (w*i*th the allowance of the Aldermen), to geue way to Jarvys Newcome to

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 645.

[2] On the 18th February following, he was 'continued in office' for one more quarter, *i.e.*, until May-day.

[3] This letter is undated.

[4] flecher = fletcher, a manufacturer of bows and arrows.

[5] 'hath' repeated here in MS.

be in Edw*ard* Hargrave's office, and hee to have the lettinge and disposinge of all the Stallages, and to receave the profitts thereof to his owne vse, soe thatt in the lettinge the same Stalls, there be noe Just cawse of Complaynt in the excesse of the Rates, butt thatt vpon everie Complaynt, the Maior for the tyme beinge to Moderate the Rate of the same. And to have noe other fee or allowance from the towne in respecte of the same office and place; for Considerac*i*on of w*hi*ch place or benifitt, the saied Jarvis Newcome is to scowre all the cawsey dittches heretofore scowred by the towne, and shall lykewise keepe open and scower the three Com*m*on Iseues in the towne, and keepe and oversee all the Com*m*on Muckhills in the towne from annoyinge the higheway and passingers, and to make cleane suche pavem*en*ts, streets, and lanes in the towne as are nott to be made cleane by anie other officer by reason of his office or place, and to have noe allowance for tooles or spades from the Towne. 3415, fo. 62.

LXXXVIII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1641, May 13.

3. Wee p*re*sent Richarde Wood for the Warfe at the Trente Bridge beinge in greate decay, and hath neede to bee spedily reformd : *fyned.*

10. We p*re*sent Francis Mettham for stoppinge the highway in the Midletorne Walke in the Ladies' closes : *xijd.*

15. We p*re*sent M*aiste*r John P*ar*sons for the Cuttinge downe of the Willows in Est Crafte, and caryinge them a way, contrarie to ordare : *xs.*

18. We p*re*sente Steuen Robarts for incroachinge vpon the town's ground with a portch and a swine sty : *fyned.*

20. We p*re*sente George Wheatley for not dresinge the streets against his dore at the March end : *xijd.*

22. We p*re*sente Adrian Garnar for incroachinge vpon the town's grounde in Benite lane at the Marsh end : *vs.*

26. We p*re*sente M*aiste*r John Combs for incroachinge vpon the town's ground With pales : *iiijd. per annum.*

Wee desire that all the Muckhills in the Hovmes, and the backside, may be rented, or reformd in andother Way : *rented.*

36. We p*re*sent Robert Fallows for sinkinge of a paire of staires in Wollpake lane : *vs.*

48. We p*re*sent Richard Feilds for in Croachinge one the vpare end of Gousgate with his wall: *rented.*

55. We p*re*sent M*aiste*r Will*iam* Druerie, maior, for anoyine the stret in the Low paument with timbare and Carts: *ijs.*

This verdicte was taken the xxist of May, 1641, before W*illia*m Drewrie,[1] Maior, M*aiste*r James, M*aiste*r Nixe, M*aiste*r Hardmett, and M*aiste*r Burton, Aldermen. 2789.

LXXXIX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1641, July 8.

It is this day Ordered by the howse of Com*m*ons, That the knights, Cittizens, and Burgesses of the severall Counties, Cittyes, and Burroughs appointed to pay in theire Monies at Yorke, shall write downe L*ett*ers to the severall Counties, Citties, and Burroughs, to move them for the speedy payeing in of those Monies appointed to bee paid by them, by vertue of an Act Intituled, 'An Act for the Provision of Monies for the disbanding the Armyes, and settling the peace of the two kinge[d]omes of England and Scotland,' in the same manner as is appointed and directed by the said Act. And the said knights, Cittizens, and Burgesses respectively are likewise required w*i*th all speede to send downe the printed Act and the Proclamac*i*on yssued fourth for the payment of the said Monies.

H. Elsynge, *Clericus dom*ûs *Communium.*[2]

81, ro. 60.

1641, July 19.

Per Orientem:[3] *M*aiste*r Derbishire, et alios.*[4]

We Request that the hye wayes againste S*ain*t Jone's may be repared, for Severall cattell hath beene in greate danger of spoyling, and one horse had his legg broke w*i*th the overthrow of a Cart: *amended.*

We Request that the fence betwixt the Rihiles[5] and Wilforth paster may be repared: *done.*

We p*re*sente Robbert King for keeping his swine in the streete, to the greate anoyance of his neaighbores: *xijd.* 81, ro. 57.

[1] Fined above (55).

[2] *Translation:* Clerk of the House of Commons.

[3] *Translation:* By the East.

[4] *Translation:* and others.

[5] *i.e.*, Rye-hills.

XC.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1641-2, Wednesday, February 2.

Maister Flettcher's Annuitye.—Memorandum, thatt this day, before the Companie mencioned in the firste page, Maister Flettcher, Recorder, declared himselfe thatt by reason of his Age, and infirmities attendinge ould Age and gray hayres, hee desired to be spared from the place of a Recorder, butt condicionall in twoe respects, firste, thatt hee may have the x. li. fee incident to the place, to be Conferred vpon him and his wyefe duringe theire lyues, and the longer lyves of them; Secondly, thatt the Companie wold be pleased, vpon his Surrender, to Confer the same place by way of elleccion vpon the righte honorable the Earle of Clare, the which Mocions this Companie takinge into Consideracion, have willingly assented to grant the same Annuitie[1] to Maister Flettcher and his wyefe for theire lyues, And have lykewise freely, *nullo contradicente*,[2] ellected the saied Earle of Clare to be Recorder, yf hee be pleased to accepte the same. And Maister Flettcher hathe allsoe promised to Supplye the place vntill my lord be pleased to signifie his pleasure touchinge this Mocion. And Maister Hooper, Steward to my Lord of Clare, beinge acquaynted herewith, hathe vndertaken to signifie the same elleccion to the Earle of Clare, and to acquaynt this Companie withall convenient speed, whatt my lord's good pleasure is herein.

3416, fo. 37.

1641-2, Thursday, March 10.

Maister Leeke and Maister Woodroffe:—Vpon the hearinge of the matters of difference betweene Maister Leeke, Schoolemaister, and Maister Woodroffe, his Vsher, Maister Leeke havinge preferred dyvers articles of negligence againste him, which beinge read vnto him, and havinge particulerly answered therevnto, is nott alltogeather Excusable from the same, insoemuche as the Companie are nott willinge thatt hee should be soe farr invested in the same place as thatt he may nott be removed from the same, yett this Companie are content to make a further triall of him for one quarter more, in hope of amendement of his negligence; and Maister Leeke, beinge herewith acquaynted, is well pleased to approve of this companie's direction, and hath accepted of Maister Woodroffe accordingly, vpon

[1] Annuitie,] 'annutie,' MS. [2] *Translation:* No one contradicting; nulla, MS.

hope of reformac*i*on in future; and soe for this tyme these differences are thus determyned. *Ib.*, fo. 44.

1642, Monday afternoon, June 13.

Loane to the Parliament.—This Companie havinge receaved a letter from the p*ar*liament, signed by M*aiste*r Lenthall, the speaker, for the loane of a good some of monie towards the present Releife of Ireland, att viij. li. p*er* Centum, and to haue the fayth of the p*ar*liam*en*t for repaym*en*t att a yeare's end, are content to take in the 110 li. lately putt forthe of the towne's monie, and 100 li. thereof to be lent, and the x. li. to be putt into the Chamberlaine's hands for paym*en*t of the monies reserved by S*i*r George Peckham's will, and the Countrie gent*lemen* and other able Townesmen to be delte w*i*th as speedyly as may bee, to make vpp a Competent some, as an addic*i*on to the 100 li., and accordingly this companie present are content to disburse the somes sett vpon theire heades—after this carrecter,—'x. li.,' And those Ciphered haue desired to be forborne in regard of theire detts and other alegac*i*ons of inhabilitie; and the reste Marked thus 'ȝ' Ciphered, haue taken tyme to consider of the Moc*i*on, vntill a further opportunitie. M*aiste*r Maior: 100 li.: x. li.: nott to hold ytt. M*aiste*r Nixe: 100 li.: x. li. M*aiste*r Hardmett: 100 li., x. li.ȝ M*aiste*r Burton: 100 li.ȝ M*aiste*r Drewrie, 100 li., x. li.ȝ M*aiste*r Greaves, 100 li.ȝ M*aiste*r Parker, 100 li., iiij. li. to be deferred. M*aiste*r Morrice, 100 li.: o: nott to hold. M*aiste*r Derbishire, 100 li.: o: to be deferred. M*aiste*r Collishawe, 100 li.: o: nott to hold. M*aiste*r Richards, 100 li.: o, to be deferred. M*aiste*r Cooke, 100 li., not to hold. M*aiste*r Dringe, 100 li., v. li. nott to hold. M*aiste*r Richards, 100 li., o, nott to hold. M*aiste*r Wolley, 100 li., v. li. nott to hold, vnlesse he come to church nexte Sunday. M*aiste*r Gamble, 100 li., v. li. nott to hold *vt supra.*[1] Tho*mas* Smithe, 100 li., o, nott to hold.ȝ John Fillingham, 100 li.,ȝ, nott to hold. ȝW*illia*m Bayly, 100 li.ȝ: nott to hold. M*aiste*r Sutton, 100 li., iij. li., nott to hold ytt. ȝM*aiste*r Hydes 100 li., ȝ, nott to hold ytt.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1642, Thursday, July 14.

[3]*M*emoran*d*um John, Earle of Clare, beinge pleased to accepte of his ellecc*i*on to the Recorder's place of this towne, came to the townehall, and there accordingly tooke the oathes of Allegiance and

[1] *Translation:* as above.

[2] On the following Monday, a Mr. Lynley, of Nottingham, offered by 'Leon Wattson' to lend £100 to Parliament, accepting its 'faith' for repayment.

[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 675.

supremacie, the Burgesse oathe, and the oathe of the Recorder menc*i*oned in the Record of the Redd Booke; and was pleased to nominate M*aiste*r [Gilbert] Millington to be his Deputye Recorder, and M*aiste*r [James] Chadwicke to supply the place vntill M*aiste*r Millington's cominge. *Ib.*, fo. 56.

1642, Thursday, July 21.

[1] *The Prince:* This companie doe hould ytt fittinge to present the prince[2] w*i*th 50 li. in gould, and a purse; and M*aiste*r Chadwicke, att the request of this Companie, is content to prepare a speech to the prince's highenes, and to present the same purse and goulde. *Ib.*, fo. 57.

1642, Wednesday, August 3.

[3] This Companie are content, att my Lord Newarke's moc*i*on, to lend oute of the towne's Magazin one barrell of powder, w*hic*h is promised to be restored[4] againe w*i*thin x. dayes nowe nexte ensewinge, and allsoe by a note vnder S*i*r Nicholas Byron's hand in M*aiste*r Maior's custodye. *Ib.*, fo. 57.

1642, Wednesday, August 10.

M*aiste*r Maior's accompte for lx. li., Receaved from M*aiste*r Drewrie, thatt was in his hands of the Townes, and disbursed att his Ma*jes*tie's and the Prince's beinge here, xxj° July, 1642.

To the prince in gould	l. li.
For the purse	xxxvs.
To the Trumpeters	iij. li.
For wyne geven to his Ma*jes*tie's servants then	vijs. iijd.
To the King's fotemen	xxxs.
To the prince's footemen	xxs.
To the Coachman	xs.
To the other officers thatt wayted then	xxs.
Wantinge in the some and layed out more	xviijd.
	£59 3s. 9d.

Remaines 16s. 3d. oute of w*hic*h was paid as followeth:—

To M*aiste*r Hardmett thatt was owinge him when hee was collector of the Subsidy	ijs.
To M*aiste*r Derbishire thatt hee p*aie*d for wattchinge Lacey	iijs.

Remaines xjs. iijd. w*hic*h is p*aie*d to M*aiste*r Hutton, Chamberlayne, to bringe in Accompte. 3416, fo. 59.

[1] Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 661.

[2] The king and prince visited the town this year.

[3] Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 651.

[4] Bailey has 'returned.'

1642. *In festo Assumptionis beatae Mariae Virginis.*[1]

Richard Willson, sometymes[2] Maister Maior's Serieant, havinge preferred a peticion to the Companie for some annuall Releife, in regard of his povertye, they are content to allowe him for this yeare a Colleccion in the severall parishes; and yf the some in thatt way bee . . . .[3]

1642, Thursday, August 25.

[4] Eastcrofte to be lett to the gard and the King's servants att 4d. day and nighte. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

1642, Thursday, September 22.

Cariadges for ye Kinge.—Memorandum, ytt is agreed that those townsemen thatt went to Derbye with theire Draughtes since the 31th of August shall have ijs. vjd. a draughte for everie tyme, and for them thatt went to Leicester iiijs. for everie tyme thatt they went, over and besides the King's pay: provided thatt yf anie man be disproved in his demaunds, then such person soe disproved to loose his allowance. *Ib.*, fo. 61.

1642, Monday, September 26.

Sheepe in the feilds: order.—For thatt the Commons of this towne in the Feilds, meadowes, and Eastcrofte, by Reason of his Majestie's beinge here, and his trayne,[5] are eaten vpp, and the pore Burgesses are lyke to be deprived of the agistment[6] of Eastcrofte for this yeare, for thatt the same was vsed for the gard's horses and others of the King's howsehould, ytt is therefore ordered, thatt the Sheepe shall for this yeare be restrayned from beinge putt into the Feilds and Lammas-closes, vntill the Sixth of October nexte, accordinge to thatt number mencioned in the order; and the same Sheepe to have Common there vntill the xth day of November nexte; and this order to have noe further Contynewance butt for this yeare onely, and then the same to be vsed accordinge to the order formerly made, vnless this Companie shall, vpon better Consideracion, allter

[1] *Translation:* In the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

[2] sometimes = formerly. It is generally written 'sometime;' 'sometynes,' MS.

[3] The sentence is left unfinished in MS.

[4] Quoted in Bailey, ii., 672. Bailey has 'four shillings' instead of 4d. The d. of the MS. is a little blotted, but is sufficiently legible.

[5] The King set out from Nottingham for Wales about the 13th of this month, having erected his standard in the town on the 22nd of the preceding month of August.

[6] 'agistment,' taking of cattle to pasture in the King's forest, etc., at a certain fixed rate.

the same former order, or anie partt thereof, for the good and benifitt of the poore Commoners.

Maister Maior his allowance for ye King's beinge here: This Companie are content to allowe Maister Maior xx. li. from the towne towards his howsekeepinge duringe the tyme of his Majestie's beinge here; and to haue a Bill to the Chamberlaynes for payment thereof.

William Newcome postmaister.—William Newcome, postmaister, complayninge of his greate paines and Chardge in conveyinge packetts and other services for the towne, this companie are content to forgeue him the monie chardged vpon him for the loane to his Majestie, being 30s., and to allowe him xxs. from the towne, wherewith hee is well contented, and accepteth the same verie thanckfully.[1]

3416, fo. 63.

1642, Wednesday, December 14.

[2]This c. li. was assessed and Rated towards payment of expences and Chardges of the Soldiers nowe in towne, and other Chardges of the Committee, and the Countrie gentlemen have assented (*vt dixerunt*[3]) to disburse 200 li. for this c. li. 3417, fo. 22.

1642, December 18.

Ytt is desired by this Companie and those on the other side, thatt the gentlemen of the towne and countrie would ioyne in assistance with the townesmen for the defence of the towne, whoe doe hould theire assistance and presence verie requisite in this busines, for the towne's safetye.

The gentlemen of the towne and Countye are desired to Joyne with the townesmen, in assistance for the defense and saftye of the Towne. 18° *Decembris*, 1642, *die Solis*,[4] in Guildhald. 3417, fo. 2.

1642-3, Thursday, January 5.

[5]Maister Dringg, Maister Millner, Maister Wolley, [and] Maister Malen to assist the workemen in layinge of blocks for blockinge vpp the way in Brodlane, and other places. 3417, fo. 23.

[1] On the same day 40s. was received from Richard Langley for his 'bawdrie' (*i.e.*, obscene language and behaviour), half to go to the relief of 'Slater's children,' and the other 20s. 'to buy a scold-cart with, such scold-cart to be used also for the conveyance of cripples to other towns.'

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 673. There is a list of 31 contributors on the same page with this minute.

[3] *Translation:* as they have said.

[4] *Translation:* Sunday.

[5] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

1643, Wednesday, April 5.

[1]This meetinge was to geue answere to certen proposic*i*ons sent by the Com*m*ittee to this Companie, as appearethe by a note attested vnder M*aiste*r Salisburie's hand.

1. For makinge twoe gates att Chappell Barr and Cowlane Barr; the Com*m*ittee to fynde wood and Iron, and the towne to fynde workemen: assented to.

2. The second for a drawebridge over the Leene; the Com*m*ittee to fynde wood and Iron, and the towne workemenshipp: assented vnto; the towne's woods to be excepted.

3. Thee (*sic*) Companie are nott willinge thatt the towne shall medle w*i*th such a worke, and[2] thatt the same would bee verie preiudiciall to dyvers p*ar*ticuler p*er*sons, and to the towne in gen*er*all, and the Chardge exceedinge greate, and the benifitt never lykely to be verie greate, and in noe wise able to countervayle the Chardge.

Ib., fos. 25 and 26.

*M*aiste*r Leake.*—M*aiste*r Leake is allowed by this Companie to have xxvs. for servinge in the vsher's place for this last quarter, and to gett an vsher w*i*thall speede, or ells this companie to p*ro*vide one w*i*thall speed. *Ib.*, fo. 26.

1643, Friday afternoon, April 28.

1. [3]That M*aiste*r Clarke, M*aiste*r Clay, M*aiste*r Hydes, and Adrian Garner are no*m*inated, att the moc*i*on of the Com*m*ittee, to attend theire pleasures, to here theire accompts for monies Receaved and paied, for the satisfacc*i*on of the Soldierie and others, yf the Com*m*ittee please to accepte of them, to thatt purpose, and appoynt theire tyme of attendance for thatt service.

2. For the second proposic*i*on, M*aiste*r Dringg, M*aiste*r W*illia*m Richards, M*aiste*r Wolley, M*aiste*r Turpin, M*aiste*r Henrie James, M*aiste*r Gamble, M*aiste*r Hutton, [and] John Ludlam, to attend the Com*m*ittee for the service of those moc*i*ons and orders in the saied Second proposic*i*on conteyned, for the effectinge thereof accordinge to the intenc*i*on of the same order, and in everie p*ar*ticuler thereof, to theire best indeavours and discretions.

3. For the Third proposic*i*on, The towne are content to take present order for makeinge Gates att the three places desired, yf the

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

[2] 'are of opinion' to be understood. An incorrect mode of expression not yet quite obsolete. The third proposition, as Bailey remarks, is not stated.

[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

Com*m*ittee and surveyors thincke them necessarie to be erected in all the same places; and the towne to fynde workemanshipp, Soe as[1] the Com*m*ittee wilbe pleased to fynde materialls, as Wood and Iron, and to lay the same att the places where they are to be wroughte, att theire Chardges. *Ib.*, fo. 28.

1643, May 5.

[2]*Wood.*—It is voted and ordered by the house that the Bridgm*aiste*rs shall fell three trees to make piles, and fiue trees to make plancks, for repaire of the bridges. 3420, p. 27.

1643, Saturday, May 20.

Nighte-garde.—[3]This Companie are agreed thatt those Wattchmen thatt are appoynted to Wattche the towne nightly, for the flanckinge and strengthinge the Centeries and inner gards, shalbe sworne to keepe theire Wattche vntill fower of the Clocke in the Morninge; and thatt whoesoever shall dep*ar*tt f*r*om his garde or Wattche after hee be assigned and appoynted by the Captayne of the Wattche, shall pay for his fyne ijs.; or ells in defalte thereof, the same p*er*son soe offendinge to be ymprisoned duringe the pleasure of the Captayne of the wattche; the same fyne to be p*aie*d to the Wattchmen of that Centerie where the defalte ys made, to be devided amongste them, and xxx^{tie} to be appoynted everie nighte to wattche, oute of the severall wards.

*Pion*eers.—Ytt is ordered thatt xx. able Workemen shalbe appoynted to Worke dayly for makinge of Brestworkes, and to be paied viijd. a day for theire labours; the same monies to be Collected weekely oute of the wards, as formerly hathe beene in the paym*en*t of the pyon*eer*s, vizt, everie Alderman xijd. weekely, and other inhabitants accordinge to theire former assessm*en*ts viiid. for a wholl man, and iiijd. for a halfe wattchman; and yf anie man send a sufficient man of his owne, hee to be excused from the weekely assessm*en*t. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

1643, Monday, June 12. At the house of Thomas Winter, Chaundler.[4]

[5]*Ensigne or cullers.*—M*aiste*r Nixe movinge the Companie for pay-

[1] so as = provided.

[2] This minute is inserted between the dates 24 April and 26 May, 1646, and, after the date '5 May, 1643,' Mr. Flamstead, the Town Clerk, who succeeded Mr. Greaves, has written, 'When I was at London.'

[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

[4] 'Apud domum Thomae Winter, Chaundler,' MS.

[5] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 680.

m*en*t of the Chardge of his ensigne or cullers, and the same amountinge to iiij. li. vjs. vjd., besides the staffe and tryminge, the companie are content to allowe the Chardge and tryminge, and the same ensigne to be hereafter accoumpted as the townes goods, and to be ymployed for there service vpon all occasions, and the towne are contented to allowe the Chardge of a Scarffe, to be the towne's goods allsoe, and the same Scarffe to goe w*i*th the ensigne for the towne's vse vpon the lyke occasion. 3417, fos. 29-30.

1643, Wednesday, July 12.

[1]The names of them thatt Lent monies thatt was lent for paym*en*t of Coronell Crumwell's Captaynes and soldiers, beinge c. li., xij° July, 1643.

The Lady Grantham	x. li.	M*aiste*r Hood	v. li.
M*aiste*r Edge	xls.	Sam Burrowes	x. li.
John Walker	x. li.	Rob*er*t Symons	xxs.
Rob*er*t Sillvester	v. li.	M*aiste*r W*illia*m P*ar*ker, Sen*ior*	v. li.
John Wrighte	xxxs.	John Vaus	iii. li.
M*aiste*r Gregorie Silvester	xls.	Raphe Vaus	v. li.
Wallter Beeston	xls.	Rob*er*t Burrowes	iii. li.
M*aiste*r W*illia*m Parker, Jun*ior*	v. li.	M*aiste*r Tho*mas* Henton	v. li.
M*aiste*r Randall Millner	x. li.	John Smalley	v. li.
M*aiste*r Gamble	x. li.	Charles Forman	xls.
Adrian Garner	x. li.	M*aiste*r Collishawe	xls.
W*illia*m Hemsley	xls.		115 li. 10s. 0d.

oute of w*hi*ch 100 li. was deliu*er*ed to Captayne Dodsworth, Capt*ayne* Smith, and Capt*ayne* Rop*er*[2] for paym*en*t of theire Soldiers; the remaynder beinge xv. li. xs., remaynes in the hands of M*aiste*r Maior, or M*aiste*r Toplady.[3] 3417, fo. 49.

1643, July 26.

[4]The names of the men and somes of the mony what every man lent towards the raisinge of cc. li. vpon S*i*r John Meldrum's Request.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Maior	10	0	0	M*aister* Ald*erman* James	10	0	0

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 682.

[2] All in Cromwell's regiment.

[3] There is a re-entry of the above amounts as received on the same day, and it is added that 'Colonell Pierrepont, Captayne Dodsworthe, and Captayne White stand bound for repayment *primo Augusti*, 1643.'

[4] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 683-4.

	li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Ald*erman* Gregory . .	10	0	0
M*aister* Ald*erman* Nixe . . .	10	0	0
M*aister* W*illia*m Clarke . .	02	0	0
M*aister* Thom*as* Cooke . .	03	0	0
M*aister* Derbishire .	01	0	0
M*aister* Ald*erman* Burton . .	03	0	0
M*aister* Wolly . .	03	0	0
M*aister* Turpin .	02	0	0
M*aister* Malyn . .	03	0	0
M*aister* W*illia*m Richards . .	02	00	0
M*aister* Henry James	04	00	0
the monies y*a*t was left in M*aister* Ald*erman* Topladie's hand since the last Assessment . . .	14	11	0
M*aister* Fillingha*m* .	02	10	0
M*aister* Whitby .	02	00	0
M*aister* Ludlam .	02	10	0
M*aister* Sumner .	02	00	0
M*aister* Beardsly .	02	00	0
Steven Holmes .	01	00	0
W*illia*m Ryly . .	01	10	0
M*aister* Parsons .	02	00	0
M*aister* Collishaw .	03	00	0
Huntingdon Eyre .	02	00	0
James Trowell . .	01	00	0
Timothy Heardson .	00	10	0
Edward Richards .	01	00	0
Tho*mas* Cooper .	01	00	0
Rob*er*t Saxon . .	01	00	0
John Astlyn . .	01	10	0
	104	01	0
Thom*as* Burges .	0	10	0
Summa totalis . .	104	11	0
Whereof there was paid then vnto the Com*m*ittee, for w*hi*ch to bee repaid in Nov-em*ber* next Captin Piggott gaue his bond to M*aister* Maior .	100	00	0
and whereof there was then spent 12d. and for a purse of M*aister* Maior's 4d.: *toto*[1]	000	01	4
	100	01	4

	li.	s.	d.
The rest, beinge . . . . remaneth in the hands of M*aister* Maior, together with the said bond wherevnto A schedule is to bee made and annexed vnder M*aister* Maior's hand, of the men's names to whose vse the s*ai*d 100 li. is to bee paid .	004	09	0

3417, fo. 47.

[1] *Translation:* in all.

1643, July 28.

[1] *Villa Nott*inghamiae.[2]—An Assessm*en*t made this 28th day of July, *Anno domini* 1643, by the Maior, Aldermen, and com*m*on Councell of the Towne of Nottingha*m*, by vertue of, and accordinge vnto, an order or warrant to them directed from the Com*m*ittee of Parliament now resident at Nottingham, and bearing date the 27 day of this instant July, 1643, for the raiseinge and advanceinge of mony, accordinge to the tenor and purport of the same:

Colonell Pierepont, Colonell Thornehaghe, Leefeten*a*nt Colonell Hutchinson, Maior Hutchinson, Doctor Plumptrey, M*aiste*r Widmerpoole, Captin Piggott, Captin White, Maior Ireton, M*aiste*r Salusbury.[3]

LONG ROWE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Richard Watson .	0	6	8	M*aister* Jackson .	3	6	8
M*ist*ris Rockett for her selfe and her sonn . . .	2	0	0	M*aister* Hen*ry* Millner	3	6	8
				Robert Baker . .	0	10	0
				John Reckles . .	2	10	0
John Metford . .	0	6	8	M*ist*ris Huthwaite .	2	10	0
Richard Smyth . .	1	0	0	Thomas Huthwaite .	2	10	0
John Cowley . .	0	6	8	M*aister* Trewman .	1	0	0
Randle Poynton .	0	10	0	Tho*mas* Burges . .	1	0	0
Tho*mas* Lownde .	0	10	0	Joane Throne, *vidua*[4]	2	0	0
Edm*und* Mabbott and his 2 sonns .	2	0	0	Will*iam* Moore . .	0	6	8
				Will*iam* Parker . .	2	10	0
Sam*uel* Ryly and Roger Ryly .	1	0	0	Sam*uel* Wildeye .	2	0	0
				Widow Balderston .	1	0	0
M*aister* Hoode . .	3	0	0	Geo*rge* Oldfeild .	1	0	0
Tho*mas* Moreley .	1	0	0	M*aister* Hurte . .	3	0	0
M*aister* Hooton .	2	10	0	M*aister* Topladye .	5	0	0
Rich*ard* Watkinson .	2	0	0	John Walker . .	4	0	0
M*aister* Groves . .	0	6	8	M*ist*ris Reason . .	1	0	0
M*aister* Watson .	1	0	0	M*ist*ris Hacker . .	3	0	0
M*aister* Sam*uel* Mason	3	0	0	M*aister* Hawkins .	2	0	0

[1] Noticed by Bailey, who gives some of the contributors' names, vol. ii., p. 683.

[2] *Translation:* Town of Nottingham.

[3] The names of the members of the Nottingham Parliamentary Committee. In Mrs. Hutchinson's list the name of Captain White is omitted, and there are the additional names of Gervas Lomax, the Mayor of Nottingham, and John Chadwicke. *Memoirs of Col. Hutchinson*, 2nd edition, p. 118.

[4] *Translation:* widow.

	li.	s.	d.
Geo*rge* Rowse	1	0	0
Thom*as* Moult	2	0	0
James Dringe	2	0	0
Cutbert Vrin[1]	0	10	0
Widow Millington	1	0	0
M*aister* Briggs	1	10	0
M*aister* Silvester	2	10	0
M*aister* Brunts	2	10	0
M*aister* Edge	3	6	8
My Lady Grantha*m*	10	0	0
M*aister* Hen*ry* Sherwyn	04	0	0
W*illia*m Hemsley	02	10	0
Francis Hemsley	1	10	0
Widow Nixe	0	10	0
M*aister* Burrowes Marshall	1	10	0
Rich*ard* James	1	10	0
John Twells	1	0	0
Widow Dalley	0	10	0
Raph Millner	1	0	0
John Wingfield	1	0	0
John Lamberte	1	0	0
Edw*ard* Eldershawe	0	10	0
John Shawe	0	10	0
Richard Boote	0	10	0
Tho*mas* Mabbott	0	6	8
Isabell Oxley and her sister	1	10	0
their Milln*er*	0	10	0

HEN CROSSE.

	li.	s.	d.
Henry Foxe	1	0	0
M*aister* Vandell	1	10	0
Randle Dodd	0	6	8

SMYTHY ROWE.

	li.	s.	d.
Richard Turpin	1	0	0
Richard Walker	0	10	0
Calib Phipps	0	10	0
Widow Ryly	0	10	0
Timothy Heardson	2	0	0
M*aister* Ellis	2	0	0

GRIDLESMYTH GATE.

	li.	s.	d.
John Ludlam	2	0	0
Hen*rie* Boote	1	0	0
M*ist*ris Maior[2]	2	0	0
M*aister* Derbishire	2	0	0
M*aister* Cooke	2	0	0
Will*iam* Ryly	1	0	0
Rob*er*tt Pott	0	6	8
M*aister* Hooper	2	0	0
Hen*rie* Trewman	2	00	0
M*aister* Broome and his son	2	0	0
Adam Jackson	1	0	0
M*aister* John Gregory	5	0	0

SWINEGREENE.

	li.	s.	d.
Geo*rge* Smyth	00	6	8
Will*iam* Lettin	0	10	0
Rob*ert* Ogle	0	6	8
John Smedley	0	6	8
Tho*mas* Swann	0	6	8
Geo*rge* [3]	0	6	8
Thomas Wright	0	6	8

[1] Vrin = Urin. [2] Mrs. Hardmett. [3] Blank in MS.

BARKER GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Charles Moreley	1	0	0	Will*ia*m Baker	0	6	8
Rich*ard* Bullimore	0	6	8	Widow Hardye	0	6	8

STONY STREETE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Wolly	3	6	8	John Burke	1	0	0
Will*ia*m Newcom	0	10	0	M*aister* Leake	2	0	0
Barnab*ie* Wartnaby	2	0	0	M*aister* Dekeser	0	6	8

BELLER GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Rich*ar*d Crampton	0	16	0	John Morris	0	6	8

FISHER GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Jeffery Nixon	0	6	8	James Beardsly	1	0	0
Hen*rie* Nixon	0	6	8	Rob*er*t Bate	0	10	0
Gilb*ert* Rose	0	10	0	Christofer Kerke and his sonn	0	10	0
Anth*onie* Wright	0	10	0				
Will*ia*m Greene	0	6	8	Steven Roberts	1	0	0
Godfry Craggill	0	6	8	John Hilton	0	6	8
Edw*ard* Bate	0	10	0	M*aister* Beardsly	2	0	0
Alex*ande*r Beardsly	1	00	0	Roger Sully	0	6	8
Daniell Sully	0	10	0	Harold Gamble	0	6	8

BRIDGE END.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Rich*ard* James	0	15	0	M*aister* Bateman	1	0	0
Ellis Heslam	0	10	0	Rich*ard* Brightman	0	10	0

TRENT BRIDG.

	li.	s.	d.
Rich*ard* Wood and Rob*er*t W*ood*	1	0	0

NARROW MARSH.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Rob*er*t Kerkby	0	10	0	John Greene	2	0	0
Geo*rge* Wheatly	0	10	0	W*illia*m Hall	1	0	0
Tho*mas* Chappell	0	6	8	M*aister* Ald*erman* James	5	0	0
M*aister* Hunt	0	10	0				
John Rippon	0	6	8	Edw*ard* Richards	1	00	0
W*illia*m Morris	0	10	0	M*aister* Sumner	3	0	0
M*aister* Morris	2	0	0	M*aister* Sherwyn	3	6	8
Tho*mas* James	0	10	0	W*illia*m Jalland	1	0	0
Rich*ard* Wright	0	6	8	M*aister* Dringe	3	6	8
John Noden	1	0	0	Rich*ard* Crampton	1	0	0
W*illia*m Leeson	0	6	8	Tho*mas* Wasters	0	10	0

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Christofer Allen	0	6	8	Jo*hn* Spencer	0	10	0
W*illia*m Rawson	1	10	0	Rob*er*t Godfry	0	10	0
M*aister* Hum*frey* Greaves	0	6	8	W*illia*m White	0	10	0
John Astlyn	1	5	0	Geo*rge* Rose, Sen*ior*	0	6	8
M*aister* Edm*und* Richards	2	0	0	Geo*rge* Rose, Jun*ior*	0	6	8
Tho*mas* Gelstropp	0	10	0	Jo*hn* Colton	0	6	8
				Will*ia*m Lealand	0	15	0
				Andrew Henson	1	0	0

BROADE MARSH.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
W*illia*m Cooke	0	6	8	John Bayly	1	0	0
Rich*ard* Moreland	1	00	0	John Rawson	1	0	0
M*aister* Bayly	2	0	0				

HIGH PAVEMENT.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Garner	2	0	0	W*illia*m Burton	0	10	0
M*aister* Hutchinson	3	6	8	M*aister* Dyvall	3	6	8
Christofer Foster	1	0	0	Tho*mas* Becke	0	10	0
W*illia*m Pickerd	0	10	0	Widow Lupton	0	6	8
M*aister* Breilsford	2	10	0	Hugh Dobson	0	6	8
Tho*mas* Lupton	1	0	0	M*aister* Lacocke	5	0	0
M*aister* Pollard	2	10	0	Captin Lomax	1	0	0
Steven Holliman	0	6	8	M*ist*ris Rose	1	0	0
W*illia*m Crewe	0	6	8	M*aister* Mathew Lacock	1	0	0
Rich*ard* Burch	0	6	8	M*aister* Sam*uel* Coates	2	0	0
Tho*mas* Mathewe	0	6	8	Francis Wingfeild	0	6	8
Rob*er*t White	1	0	0	M*ist*ris Groves	0	6	8
M*aister* Malin	2	10	0	John Debell	0	6	8
M*aister* Alder*man* Burton	5	0	0	Tho*mas* Burley	0	6	8
Rob*er*t Burton	1	0	0	Sergeant Boone	1	0	0
James Towell	0	10	0				

[1] **SAINT MARIE'S CHURCHYARD.**

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Rich*ard* Plumptrey	4	0	0	M*aister* Rob*er*t Greaves	1	0	0
				Tho*mas* Selby	0	10	0

SAINT MARIE'S GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Burton Hynde	0	6	8	Olliver Thorpe	0	10	0
M*aister* Muxley	3	0	0				

[1] 'Doctor Plumtrey' is here put down in the MS. for £3 6s. 8d., but the pen has been struck through the amount.

WALSER GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Will*iam* Ashers	1	0	0	Rob*ert* Alvy	0	6	8
M*aister* Philip Lacock	3	6	8	John Richards	0	6	8
M*aist*er Foxe	0	10	0	Widow Wilson	1	0	0
M*aister* Pendocke	1	0	0	John James	0	10	0
Richard Jackson	0	10	0	Widow Knight	1	0	0

LINBY LANE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Alder*man* Gregory	5	0	0	Colonell Pierepont[1]			
				W*illia*m Jackson	2	10	0

BRIDLESMITH GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Collyshaw	2	0	0	M*aister* Hen*ry* James	2	10	0
Thom*as* Abbott	1	10	0	Will*iam* Rooe	0	15	0
M*ist*ris Caldwell and M*ist*ris Clay	0	10	0	Steven Hill	2	0	0
M*aister* Whitby	2	0	0	John Wolly	0	6	8
Bryan Gray	1	0	0	John Barnes	0	10	0
Huntingdon Eyre	1	0	0	M*aister* Alder*man* Nixe	5	0	0
Rich*ard* Jackson	0	6	8	Thom*as* Patchett	0	10	0
Widow Hargrave	0	6	8	Widow Barnes	0	6	8
M*aister* Alsebrooke	2	0	0	Hen*ry* Spittlehouse and his mother-in-law	0	6	8
M*aister* Goodall	2	0	0	Will*iam* Yerwood	1	0	0
Widow Lawnder	0	6	8	Rob*ert* Perry	1	0	0
M*aister* Abbott	0	10	0	M*aister* Clarke	2	10	0
Widow Jackson	0	6	8	Widow Smyth and her sonn	0	10	0
Tho*mas* Champion	0	6	8	Mich*ael* Briggs	0	6	8
Tho*mas* Aldred	0	6	8	Rich*ard* Hunt	0	10	0
M*aister* Gamble	3	6	8	M*aister* Linley	5	0	0
M*aister* Richards	2	10	0	M*ist*ris Saunders	0	15	0
Adrian Cooke	1	0	0	M*ist*ris Mary Lockoe	1	10	0
Widow Hodgkyn and[1]	1	0	0	M*aister* Rob*ert* Troope	0	6	8
Joshua Hill	1	10	0	Geo*rge* Bladen	0	6	8
M*aister* Elkyn	1	10	0	Rob*ert* Smyth	1	0	0
George Hall	2	0	0				

LISTER GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Fillingham	2	0	0	Tho*mas* Cooper	1	0	0
W*illia*m Wright	0	10	0	Widow Rose	0	6	8
Bryan Hall	1	00	0	Mich*ael* Draper	0	10	0
Will*iam* Petty	0	10	0				

[1] Blank in MS.

VNDER YE CASTLE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Hall	3	6	8				
John Mitton	2	0	0	Widow Mitton to Tho*mas*[1]	0	10	0
				Widow Mitton to Jo*hn*[2]	1	0	0

HUNGATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Fearborne	1	0	0	Burden ye weaver	0	10	0

CASTLE GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Rich*ard* Sherwin	0	6	8	Edw*ard* Wright	0	6	8
M*aister* Bainbrigge	5	0	0	Rich*ard* Hudson	0	6	8
M*aister* Rider	3	6	8	Humfry Else	0	10	0
James Rotheram	0	10	0	Widow Wright	0	6	8
Francis Hakesley	0	10	0	Will*iam* Wright	0	6	8
John Hilton	0	10	0	Tho*mas* Burch	1	0	0
Rob*er*t Verden	0	10	0	Rob*er*t Nicholls	0	6	8
Andrew Foster	3	6	8	John Pye	0	6	8
M*ist*ris Egginton	1	10	0	Hugh Hilton	0	6	8
Widow Heiwood	0	6	8	Jo*hn* Burrowes	0	6	8
Brownloe Egginton	1	0	0	Hum*frey* Hithershaw	1	0	0
Rob*er*t Egginton	1	0	0				

LOWPAUEMENT.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
				Thomas Winter	0	10	0
M*aister* Jo*hn* Hutchinson	1	0	0	Hen*rie* Wood	0	06	8
				Edw*ard* Medlam	0	6	8
M*aister* Rob*er*t Sherwyn	3	0	0	John Smally	0	15	0
Will*iam* Knight	0	6	8	Widow Stanfall	1	0	0
Geo*rge* Hoe	0	6	8	M*aister* Stevenson	2	10	0
Will*iam* Ward	0	10	0	Tho*mas* Barnes	1	10	0
M*aister* Parsons	2	0	0	W*illia*m Hilton	0	06	8
W*illia*m Hall	0	10	0	Simon Poe.	1	0	0
Steven Holmes	1	0	0	Patrick Coxe	1	0	0
M*aister* Perkins	2	0	0	Edw*ard* Malyn	0	6	8
Widow Gamble	0	10	0	Sam*uel* Baston	0	6	8
Samuel Wilde	0	6	8	John Bonsall	0	6	8

PILCHERGATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*ist*ris Calton	0	10	0				
Rich*ard* Earson	0	10	0	W*illia*m Newcome, Jun*ior*.	0	6	8
Tho*mas* Radford, sen*ior*	0	6	8	W*illia*m Clarke	0	10	0
John Radford	0	6	8	Rob*er*t Broadhead	0	15	0
Edw*ard* Bradshaw	0	6	8	John Collinson	0	06	8

[1] *i.e.*, Thomas Mitton's widow.

[2] *i.e.*, John Mitton's widow.

FLETCHERGATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Geo*rge* Walker	0	10	0	Jo*hn* Townroe	1	0	0
Geo*rge* Noden	0	6	8	Francis Shipman	0	10	0
Will*iam* Smith	0	10	0	Will*iam* Porter	1	0	0
W*illia*m Richards	0	15	0	Rob*er*t Burrowes	1	00	0
M*aister* Barloe	1	0	0	Luke Dolphin	0	15	0
M*aister* Stevens	3	0	0	Tho*mas* Robinson	1	0	0
M*aister* Lawr*ence* Walker	2	10	0	Robert Tayler	0	15	0
M*aister* Randle Millner	3	6	8	Leon*ar*d Hallowes	0	6	8
M*aister* Allen	0	6	8	Jo*hn* Drewry	0	6	8
Rob*er*t Wood	0	10	0	Widow Lockoe	0	10	0
Edw*ard* Kitchyn	0	6	8	[1] Creswell	0	10	0

SAINT PEETER'S LANE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Clay	3	00	0	Rob*er*t Smith	0	6	8
M*aister* Maior	5	0	0	Rich*ard* Burrowes	0	6	8
Edw*ard* Richards	1	0	0	Rob*er*t Dodsley	0	10	0
M*ist*ris Prockter and her sister	0	13	4	John Barker	0	10	0
				Rob*er*t Linley	0	15	0
Rich*ard* Paine	0	15	0	Sam*uel* Barker	0	6	8
Adam Paine	0	6	8	Edw*ard* White	1	0	0
Tho*mas* Twinberry	0	6	8	M*aister* Mason	3	6	8
Rob*er*t Saxton	0	15	0	W*illia*m Grason	0	10	0
Widow Parke	1	00	0	Tho*mas* Cowe	0	6	8

WHEELERIGHTGATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Richard Greene	0	10	0	John Porter	2	00	0
W*illia*m Passe	0	6	8	Jervas Dodsley	0	10	0
Jervas Burrowes	0	10	0	M*aister* Dodesley	3	0	0
Will*iam* Ellott	1	0	0	M*aister* Chadwicke	3	6	8
Tho*mas* Barnes	0	6	8	Rob*er*t and Rich*ard* Alvy	2	0	0
Rich*ard* Badge	0	6	8				
M*aister* Smyth	2	10	0	Widow Hunt	0	6	8
M*aister* Turpin	3	0	0	Francis Cooke	1	0	0
Tho*mas* Porter	0	6	8				

FRYER ROWE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*ist*ris Streete	3	6	8	M*ist*ris [1] her daught*er*	1	0	0
M*ist*ris [1] her daught*er*	1	0	0	M*ist*ris Cavendishe	1	0	0

[1] Blank in MS.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
M*aister* Ryly	2	0	0	Widow Broome	0	6	8
Jo*hn* Watson	1	0	0	John Page	0	10	0
M*aister* Pepper	1	10	0	M*aister* Tomlyn	2	0	0
Thom*as* Goodall	0	6	8	Jer*emiah* Baker	0	6	8
Jo*hn* Bell	1	10	0	M*aister* Cor*nelius* Parker	3	6	8
M*aister* Cooper	2	10	0	M*aister* Combe	2	0	0
M*ist*ris Walker	1	0	0	M*ist*ris Parker	1	0	0
Rich*ard* Plant	0	15	0				
TIMBER HILL.							
Rob*er*t Petty	1	0	0	M*aister* Jepson and his moth*er*	3	0	0
Will*iam* Caunte	1	10	0	M*aister* Hides and his daughter	3	0	0
W*illia*m Huskinson	0	6	8	Tho*mas* Greene	1	0	0
Edw*ard* Evens	0	6	8	Rob*er*t Simons	1	0	0
Tho*mas* Baguley	0	6	8	M*aister* Burrowes	4	0	0
Jo*hn* Wyer	0	6	8	Tho*mas* Hall	0	10	0
M*aister* Wingfeild	2	10	0	J*eremiah* Forman	2	0	0
HEN CROSSE.							
Widow Clarke	0	10	0	M*aister* Garland	1	0	0
W*illia*m Hardy	1	0	0	W*illia*m Hall, vintner	3	0	0
M*ist*ris Martin	3	0	0	Steven Wilcocks	0	6	8
M*aister* Jo*hn* Martin	3	0	0	M*ist*ris Hynd	0	6	8
Will*iam* Hall, drap*er*	1	10	0	M*aister* Widoson	1	0	0
M*ist*ris Ann Martin	1	0	0	John Heywood	1	0	0
W*illia*m Newcome	0	15	0	John Patten	0	6	8
Rich*ard* White	0	6	8	M*aister* Woodward	6	13	4
M*aister* Jo*hn* Parker	2	10	0				

Summa totalis: besides [1] 540 li. 8s. 4d.

3417, fos. 31-45.

1643, August 25.

[2]Ytt is allsoe ordered thatt an assessm*en*t shalbe made thoroughe the wholl towne for the Repaire of the Bullwarkes, and allsoe for the fyndinge of lights and Coales for the nightgards, att the severall gards, vizt, everie one thatt fynds a wholl man to pay iiijd., and everie halfeman ijd., and the same to be presently levyed.

Francis Fillingham hath agreed to fynde the Centrie att Leene Bridge Coales and Candles for iijd. a nighte. *Ib.*, fo. 52.

[1] Blank in MS. [2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 684.

1643, Monday, September 4.

[1]M*aiste*r Maior, M*aiste*r Gregorie, M*aiste*r Toplady, M*aiste*r Bateman, [and] M*aiste*r Wolley went to the Com*m*ittee to conferr w*i*th them aboute raisinge a troope of horse. *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1643, Tuesday, November 7.

John Parker, Thomas Huthwaite, and Will*ia*m Ryly were chosen of the Com*m*on Counsell in the steades and places of John Filligha*m* and Adrian Garner (elected Chamberlins), and of John Ludlam, deceased; and ye said W*illia*m Ryly was sworne then, and Jo*hn* Parker sworne 17 November 1643, and the s*ai*d Thomas Huthwaite yet vnsworne, bec*ause* hee is kept prison*er* at Newarke, at the elecc*i*on, and ever since.[2] 3418, fo. 15.

1643, Wednesday, November 15.[3]

*Ald*erman *James, 60 li.*—*M*emoran*d*um, that at a meetinge at the hall this day, many of the house beeinge then p*re*sent, and some absent, M*aiste*r Alderman James tendered vnto this house A c*er*ten c*er*tificat subscribed w*i*th the names of M*aiste*r James Chadwick, M*aiste*r John Hutchinson, M*aiste*r Cha*rle*s White, M*aiste*r Joseph Widm*er*poole and M*aiste*r Tho*mas* Salusbury, w*hi*ch c*er*tificat was made in theis words following, viz[t]:—'Wee whose names are here-vnder written, doe hereby c*er*tify that Alderman James, vpon the earnest request, and by the advice, of this Com*m*ittee (vpon the motion of M*aiste*r Chadwicke, heareinge that hee had mony of the Towne's in his hands), did leand and disburse the some of Threescore pownds for the vse of the Lord Gray,[4] in the tyme of his necessity, and did not the same of his owne accord. As Witnes o*u*r hands this 25th of July 1643;' After the readinge of w*hi*ch c*er*tificat in the house, M*aiste*r Alderman James mooued the house to accept of the said c*er*tificat for his discharge of the said lx. li. to the Towne.

But many of the house declared that they would not consent therevnto, and none declared theire assent thereto, any further then to receiue the said c*er*tificat, and keepe it. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 687.

[2] He was not sworn till the 14th August following.

[3] 'Die Mercurii, decimo septimo die Novembris, 1644,' MS. (Wednesday, the seventeenth day of November, 1644). Wednesday, however, was the 15th.

[4] Commander of the Parliament forces, afterwards superseded by Sir John Meldrum.

1643, Thursday, November 30.

Sain*t* *Jone's close*.—M*aiste*r Will*ia*m Parker, Apothecary, paid to M*aiste*r James and M*aiste*r Turpin, Bridgemaisters, the some of xxxs. due for a yeare ended at Mich*aelm*as last, for the rent of S*ain*t Jone's close, and referred hymselfe to the house to haue what abatem*en*t should bee thought fitt by them therein in respect of his losse of the p*ro*fitts thereof, by reason of the bulw*o*rks goeinge through it, w*hi*ch the house will take into consideraci*o*n when the house is fuller.

Ib., fo. 17.

1643, December 13.

[1] *Committee*.—This day, Captin White made this p*ro*posici*o*n to this house, as from and by the direc*t*ion and appointm*en*t of the Com*m*ittee, That the house would choose some c*er*ten Townesmen to p*re*sent any greevances of the towne vnto the Com*m*ittee, and to receiue their answers therein, and alsoe to conferr and agree w*i*th the Com*m*ittee for and in the behalfe of the good and safety of the Towne (that soe there might bee noe misvnderstandings nor ielosies betweene the Com*m*ittee and the Towne, as heretofore there hath beene), concerninge the good and safety of the Towne in theis p*re*sant troblesome tymes of warr; But this house not beeinge full, and the matter concerninge all the Inhabitants of the Towne, aswell such as are not Burgesses as such as are Burgesses, This house did take tyme to consider thereof vntill Munday next, the xviij^th^ day of this instant December 1643; And in the meantyme, All the cloathinge,[2] and counsell, and gentry, and others of the most sufficient Inh*ab*itants of the s*ai*d towne are to bee som*m*oned to appeare at the towne's hall by twelue of the clock on the same day, to consider and advise together about the same.

Ib., fos. 19, 20.

1643, December 18.

[3] This day, this company and many others of the cloathinge, gentry, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the said town of Nott*ingham*, beeinge mett together to consider of the p*ro*posici*o*n made to this house on [Wednesday][4] last the 13th day of this instant December 1643, from the Com*m*ittee, by Captin White, as is before menc*i*oned, Did agree of this vote and Desire vnderwritten, viz.:—

Com*m*ittee:—Whereas the Com*m*ittee of Parliament, now resident

[1] Bailey gives an abstract of this minute, vol. ii., p. 704.

[2] cloathinge], 'cleathinge,' MS.

[3] Also noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 704.

[4] Blank in MS.

at the Castle of Nottingham, hath heretofore mooued this house, That for A more free intercourse and better vnderstandinge to bee had in future betwixt the Governor of the said Castle[1] and Com*m*ittee there, and the Inhabitants of this towne and County, The said Inhabitants would elect some p*ar*ticuler members thereof in assistance of their Maior, and by them vpon all o*c*casions to represent the greevances, state, and condic*i*on of the said Towne, w*i*th their requests concerninge the same, vnto the said Governor and Com*m*ittee, w*h*ich moc*i*on of theires this house well approoueinge of, It is this day by the Maior, Aldermen, Com*m*on Counsell, and other Inhabitants of the said Towne, voted and desired that the Maior for the tyme beeinge, together w*i*th M*aister* Alderman Gregory, M*aister* Alderman Hardmett, M*aister* Alderman Toplady, M*aister* Alderman Drewry, M*aister* Walter Edge, M*aister* John Mason, M*aister* Will*ia*m Clarke, and M*aister* Henry Sherwyn, all of the said Towne, or the Maior parte of them, from tyme to tyme as occasions shall bee offered, may attend the said Governor and Com*m*ittee to consult, treate, and advise w*i*th the said Governor and Com*m*ittee for the publique safety of the said towne, and for such other things as in A martiall way may concerne it, And the said p*ar*ties soe nominated are therevnto appointed and Authorised by this house. *Ib.*, fos. 21 and 22.

1643-4, Tuesday, January 23.

*M*aiste*r* *Millington*, *Tho*mas *Barnes*.—[2]This Company hath borrowed of Thomas Barnes the some of Tenne pownds for to giue vnto M*aister* Millington, our Burgesse nowe in Parliament; and the said Thomas Barnes is to receiue it againe out of the Tolles due to the Maior and Burgesses; And hee is to haue three shillings A weeke for hym selfe out of the same Tolles for all the tyme hee is in gatheringe vpp the said tenn pownds; And also to bee allowed all other charges that hee shalbee at in the needfull p*ro*cureinge of helpe to gather the same; And shall giue an Accompt to the Maior thereof, So often as hee shalbee called therevnto:

And it was further agreed by this company, that M*aister* Maior should receiue the said Tenn pownds into his hands (w*h*ich hee did), and thatt hee should take order for the paym*en*t of the same to M*aister* Millington, as abouesaid.

[1] Colonel Hutchinson.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 709.



*M*aister *Millington's Clerke:* and also that M*aister* Maior should pay M*aister* Millington's clerke xxs. 3418, fo. 23.

1644, Thursday, June 13.

*M*aister *Greaves' Mills.*—Itt is agreed by this company, that the malt mill in M*aister* Rob*er*t Greaues his possession, shall bee taken into the Town's hands, by reason of the p*re*sent necessity the Towne hath of malt Mills, and because hee hath left the Towne, and noe lease can bee found thereof; And if hereafter it shall appeare that he haue A lease thereof in beeinge, That then the Towne shall allow hym reasonable satisfacc*i*on for the same, for soe long tyme as the towne doth hold it from hym. *Ib.*, fo. 28.

1644, August 13.

*M*aister *Burton:*[1] Question, whether Rob*er*t Burton, now one of the Aldermen of the town of Nott*ingham*, bee fitt to continue an Alderman of the said Towne, or noe?

Resolued vpon the Question, that hee is not fitt to continue an Alderman, nor to weare the Robes, nor enioy the priviledges of an Alderman, as appears in the first page, and accordinge to the Resoluc*i*on of the Com*m*itee, in the same words, as appeares vnder the hand of M*aister* Ayscough, then cheareman, by a note dated 13 Augusti 1644, annexed after this leafe.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 33.

*M*aister *Gamble, Alderman.*—Question, whether M*aister* Thomas Gamble, now Coroner, shalbee an Alderman of the said Towne, in stead of the said M*aister* Burton, or noe?

Resolued vpon the Question, thatt hee shall (*et adtunc fuit juratus*[3]), as appeares in the first page.[4]

*M*aister *Greaves.*—Question, if M*aister* Rob*er*t Greaves bee fitt to bee continued Towne Clerke, or noe?

Resolued vpon the Question, thatt hee is not fitt to bee continued Towne Clerke, nor to haue the priviledges of that place; *per Majorem Aldermannos, et Consilium praedictos.*[5]

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 728.

[2] The following is a copy of the note referred to:— '13° August, 1644.
'Question, Whether Robert Burton, 'now one of the Aldermen of the Towne 'of Nottingham, be fitt to be continued an 'Alderman of the said Towne, or no?
'Resolued, vppon the Question, That 'he is not fitt to continue an Alderman; 'nor to weare the Robes of an Alderman; 'nor to enjoy the Priviledges of an Alder- 'man. 'Edw. Ayscoghe,
'Cheareman in the Com*m*ittee.'

[3] *Translation:* And then he was sworn.

[4] William Richards was elected Coroner in his place.

[5] *Translation:* By the Mayor, Aldermen, and Council aforesaid.

W. Flamstead, Clericus Villae.[1]—Question, if Will*ia*m Flamsteed bee fitt to be Towne Clerke in his roome or noe?

Resolued vpon the question that hee is fitt, and thatt hee shalbee Towne Clerke in stead of the said M*aister* Greaves (*et adtunc fuit juratus, per Majorem, Aldermannos et Consilium praedictos*).[2]

Ib., fo. 31.

1644, September 27.

Question, if M*ist*r*is* Greaves should haue any thinge allowed her, by way of Charity, for the mainten*a*nce of her selfe and her children, or noe?

Resolued vpon the question, that shee shall, and it is referred to M*aister* Ald*erman* Gregory and M*aister* Ald*erman* Drewry, to inquire and *cer*tify this house, at the next meetinge, what p*ro*fitts M*ist*r*is* Greaves hath and is likely to receiue forth of the estate reall or p*er*sonall of her husband's. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

1644, Tuesday, November 12, at M*aister* Salusburie's house.

[3]The counsell onely beeinge som*m*oned by John Fish to appeare at M*aister* Salusburie's house at 5 of the clocke at night, to speake with M*aister* Basse, the Receiuer, to take some order about the Fee farme, behinde for 2 yeares ended at Mich*aelm*as last, 1644, as the note in writeinge menc*i*oned, by w*hi*ch hee had direcc*i*on to som*m*on the Counsell:

These 16 of the Counsell m*arc*ked w*i*th '1'[4] appeared, and all voted and joyned in the *cer*tificat and petic*i*on ensueinge vnanimously, and they y*a*t were absent consented and subscribed after, and then ye same w*i*th M*aister* Millington's letter (A copy of w*hi*ch *cer*tificat and pet*icion* and draught of ye letter are annexed), were deliu*er*ed to M*aister* Receiver to deliver accordingly to the Com*m*ittee of Revenue.

And the Counsell acknowledged this act of the Com*m*ittee and M*aister* Millington, very thanckfully, as A great favor. 3419, fo. 13.

'Wee, the Com*m*ittee of Parliam*en*t resident at Nottingha*m*, doe 'humbly *cer*tify to the ho*nora*ble Com*m*ittee for the Revenue, that as 'concerninge the Fee farme Rents due for and within the Towne of 'Nottingha*m*, aswell from the Maior and Burgesses of the Towne as 'from some other p*ar*ticuler Inhabitants, for small p*ar*cells lyinge

[1] *Translation:* Town Clerk.

[2] *Translation:* And then was he sworn, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Council aforesaid.

[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 729.

[4] Their names are so marked in the Council Book.

'within the p*re*cincts or liberties of the Towne, they doe arise out of such Tolls and other Royalties and p*er*quisitts, and out of such other 'p*ro*fitts as by reason of theis warrs haue allmost wholly ceased, and 'could not bee receiued or enioyed, the rather because the said Towne '(beeinge A Guarrison), hath beene seu*er*all tymes invaded, plundered, 'and impou*er*ished by the enemies of the Kinge and Parliament, and 'if any small sumes or p*ro*fitts haue beene receiued, the same haue 'beene constantly imployed for the pub[l]ique service of the Kinge 'and Parliam*en*t ever since the feast of Michaell TharchAngell was 'twoo yeares, And wee doubt not but yo*u*r honors wilbee pleased to 'take the p*re*mises into due considerac*i*on, the rather because this 'Guarrison hath continually had and still hath many potent enemies 'round about the same, and hath never as yet receiued any monies 'from the Parliam*en*t for their subsistance or encouragem*en*t, and 'that their most humble suite vnto yo*u*r honors is that all and every 'the said Inhabitants within this Towne may, by the order of that 'ho*nora*ble Com*m*ittee, bee discharged from theire seu*er*all and re-'spective fee farme Rents, due and ariseinge within the p*re*cincts of this 'Towne for the tyme past, and that none of them may bee charged 'or preiudiced for nonpaym*en*t of any of the said Rents since the said 'feaste of Michaell, w*hi*ch was in the yeare of o*u*r Lord God 1642; 'And for the future they hope they shalbee able to pay what shall 'bee due, and will doe it with all chearefullnes, w*hi*ch noble fav*or*, if 'your honors shall please to vouchsafe to this poore Garrison, it wilbee 'A very great encouragem*en*t to vs to contribute our best assistance 'in the Collecc*i*on of all the great Rents in the County at large, to 'o*u*r vtmost powers.

'Given vnder o*u*r hands 12 Novem*ber* 1644.

'Subscribed by
'M*aister* Maior.
'M*aister* Chadwicke.
'M*aister* Ayscough.
'M*aister* Salusbury.

'Indorsed :—

'Wee, the com*m*on Counsell of the Towne of Nottingha*m*, doe 'humbly ioyne in the Certificat of the p*re*mises, and doe most humbly 'petic*i*on this ho*nora*ble Com*m*ittee for the Revenue, that their honors

'wilbee pleased to take the same p*re*mises into their favourable 'considerac*i*ons, for the ease of this Garrison and corporac*i*on.

'Subscribed by
'M*aister* Maior and all ye Councell.

'*M*emoran*d*um, the originall of this certificat and 'petic*i*on was sent by M*aister* Basse, the Receiuer, 'together w*i*th A p*ar*ticuler letter to the said Com*m*ittee 'from Millington in that behalfe, the draught of which '[[1] is herevnto annexed].' 3419, fo. 15.

'R*ight* Ho*nora*ble,

'I doe herew*i*th humbly p*re*sent vnto you A c*er*tificat from the 'Com*m*ittee of Parliam*en*t at Nott*ingham*, together with an humble 'petic*i*on of the Maior and com*m*on Councell of the Towne of Not-'t*ingham* therevpon indorsed, makeinge knowne their humble suites, 'vnto yo*u*r honors, that, for ye reasons therein expressed, you will be 'pleased to discharge the Maior and Burgesses of the said Towne of 'Nottingham (w*i*th others therein expressed), from the paym*en*t of 'the Areres of the fee farm Rent, for and w*i*thin the said Towne, for '2 yeares ending at Mich*ael*m*as last past, In whose behalfe I also 'p*re*sume to become A suitor to yo*u*r honors at this tyme for the 'obtaineinge of their said suite in the said Certificat and petic*i*on in 'that behalfe menc*i*oned, And I doe the rather make bould to pray '*you*r favourable considerac*i*ons for theire ease and releefe in their 'said suite, because I haue receiued very good testimony, not onely 'of their Reality[2] and faithfullnes to the Parliament's cause, and good 'of the State, and also of their great and deepe charges, expences, 'and sufferings for the publique cause of the Kingdome, as in the said 'Certificat is expressed, but also because the Parliam*en*t having a 'great sence of their Pressures, haue longe since ordered that A 'thowsand pounds should bee paid freely vnto them, which is yet 'vnpaid, The favourable considerac*i*on of all w*h*ich, yo*u*r petic*i*oners 'humbly pray may moue you to graunt theire said suite, and so 'prayeth also

'Yo*u*r humble Servante,

'xij° Novem*ber* 1644. 'Gilbt. Millington.[3]

'To the right ho*nora*ble the Com*m*ittee of Revenue.' 3419, fo. 17.

[1] The leaf is worn away in this place.
[2] Reality = loyalty.
[3] The signature is, apparently, in a different hand from that of the body of the

The which beeinge doone, the Com*m*ittee, *scil*ice*t*, M*aister* Maior, M*aister* Millington, Colonell Chadwick, M*aister* Ayscough and M*aister* Salusbury, mooued the Counsell to subscribe to A petic*i*on w*i*th A c*er*tificat therevnto to bee annexed, concerninge the diffirences betweene the Gou*er*nor and Com*m*ittee, which Certificat and petic*i*on, together w*i*th A copy of the Governor's demands, beeinge read once over, and beeinge longe and of great concernm*en*t to the Towne, some of the said Councell, *videl*ice*t*, W*illia*m Flamsteed, M*aister* Humfry Greaves, M*aister* [Henry] James, M*aister* [John] Tomlyn, M*aister* [William] Ryly, and M*aister* [Richard] Reckles, (together also w*i*th M*aister* [Thomas] Wolly when hee was called in his place), desired tyme to consider and consult of the same, but that beeing denyed, none of them, except M*aister* Wolly, did subscribe then to the same, for divers reasons then alledged.

But the rest of the Councell, *videl*ice*t*, M*aister* [William] Parker, Coron*er*, M*aister* [Roger] Derbishire, M*aister* [Richard] Collishaw, M*aister* [Thomas] Cooke, M*aister* [Thomas] Malyn, M*aister* [William] Parker, M*aister* [Joseph] Wingfeild, and Thomas Greene did then sett their names to A faire sheete of paper, and after all was doone, and the Councell comeing away, then did M*aister* Wolly sett his name to the same.

But the matter contained in the said petic*i*on, c*er*tificat, and demands is not entred here, because wee could not gett tyme then to consult and advise of and alsoe enter the same in the hall booke.

3419, fos. 13-14.

1644, Thursday, November 14.

Querie, if the Counsell shall subscribe to this petic*i*on and c*er*tific*at* delib*er*atly read and attested, or noe :—

This counsell haue voted that the petic*i*on and certificat now read shalbee subscribed as an act of the Councell.

The which petic*i*on and c*er*tificat are entred in the followinge leafe.[1]

3419, fo. 19.

draft of this letter, but it differs somewhat from Millington's known signature. It is, perhaps, worth remarking that his is the 44th signature to the warrant for the execution of Charles I., Colonel Hutchinson's being the 13th.

[1] This minute is cancelled, and the following underwritten :—

'13 Oct*ober*, 1646.

'This order and act is ordered and 'voted to bee cancelled, annihilated, and 'made void, *secundum ordin*ationem *Con*'*sil*ii *intr*atam *eodem die:* ('according to 'the order of Council entered on the same 'day'): *vide* '(see) that order.'

'[1]To the ho*nora*ble Com*m*ittee of both kingdoms.

'The humble petic*i*on of the Inhabitants and others within the 'Towne and Garrison of Nottingham.

'In all humility rep*re*sentinge,

'That, Whereas since the ariseinge of theis vnhappy differences 'and dissentions now dependinge betweene the Governor and the 'Maior part of this Com*m*ittee now resident at Nottingham, and 'their appeales to yo*u*r honors for redresse of the same, wee haue 'beene credibly informed that some of the p*ar*ties or p*ro*sequutors[2] 'ag*ains*t the Com*m*ittee therein, the better to attaine their owne ends 'by castinge foule aspersions on the Com*m*ittees heere, and thereby 'to blemish their Reputac*i*ons (ag*ains*t whom they never did nor 'wee conceiue iustly could, make any obiecc*i*on, till the Gouernor 'began theis differences by his high demands), doe indevour to make 'them contemptible to the Parliam*en*t, yo*u*r honors, and all the world, 'soe to render them vnworthy of that trust wherein they haue so 'fully expressed their great integrity and faithfullnes in the accom*mo*-'dac*i*on and p*re*servac*i*on of this Garrison and County, accordinge to 'their best powers (now allmost twoe yeares), notwithstandinge the 'incessant and stronge opposic*i*ons of all neighboringe and forraigne 'forces, which haue soe frequently made their incursions to this 'guarrison in the p*ar*ts adiacent, And the p*ro*sequutors haue not 'onely aspersed the Com*m*ittee in gen*er*all, sayinge that they had 'knaves amongst them, and one of the said parties vsinge theis words, '"Lett me dye and p*er*ishe, Rott and starve, before I will ever comply 'w*i*th such knaues as are in the Com*m*ittee at Nottingham," but 'haue also vilified most of theis Com*m*ittees in p*ar*ticuler, Taxinge 'one of them with intemp*er*ance in an high degree, an other that hee 'was A base, lyinge, cheatinge fellowe, an other thatt hee would haue 'beene on their side, but for his owne ends, an other w*i*th such 'indigency, that before theis tymes hee had not bread to put in his 'mouth, and was A Banckrupt, with other most reproachfull language 'published by them at London and Westm*inster*, tendinge to the 'greate dishonor of the Parliam*en*t in placeinge such Com*m*ittees in 'this Guarrison and County, and to the infinite disparagem*en*t of the

[1] The whole of the copy petition and certificate in the Council book is cancelled.

[2] This word was not unfrequently spelt with two u's. See More's *Utopia*, old editions.

'publique service in this County (beeinge soe vniu*er*sally malignant[1] 'as for the most p*ar*te itt is), as also to the great discouragem*en*t and 'disparagem*en*t of the Com*m*ittees here, after their soe longe, soe 'faithfull and soe dangerous and pressinge services w*hi*ch they haue 'soe vndantedly and indefatigably strugled w*i*th and vndergone, to 'the vtmost hazard of their owne healthes, lives and fortunes, and the 'vtter destrucc*i*on of their posterities:

'Our most humble suite and earnest desire, therefore, vnto yo*u*r 'honors is, that you would bee pleased to continue A candid and 'favourable respect to those worthy gentl*emen* of the Com*m*ittee now 'resident here and intended to bee thus blemished (as is aboue 'expressed), and that they may bee vindicated in their Reputac*i*ons, 'and the authors thereof punished (one of the Com*m*ittee beinge A 'member of the house of Com*m*ons and sent downe by both howses of 'Parliam*en*t to compose the differences amongst vs, or to c*er*tifye), 'and that they may retaine their deserued good repute amongst your 'most wise and graue Councells, and that theis scandalous reproaches 'may haue noe credence nor acceptaunce w*i*th you, but bee supprest, 'for wee doubt not but tyme will soe cleare the acc*i*ons and p*ro*ceed-'ings of this Com*m*ittee that theis iniurious and malitious Calumnies 'will redound to their greater honor and advantage.

'And wee shall ever pray, etc.'

'To the ho*nora*ble Com*m*ittee of both kingdoms.

'Wee, the subscribers of the petic*i*on herevnto annexed, doe 'humbly desire to certifye vnto yo*u*r honors as followeth:—

'1. That the gentl*emen* of the Com*m*ittee here resident, vpon whom 'are vndeseruedly cast most grosse and slanderous scandalls, since 'the differences in this Guarrison, by the Authors and p*ro*moters 'thereof, are very much iniured thereby, they haueinge, in o*u*r 'opinions, merited as much respect from the state as any imployed in 'the like service, But are much discouraged thereby, and wee feare 'they will cease their sittings and imploym*en*t in the publique service, 'if they bee not vindicated and receiue speedy reparac*i*on in their 'Reputac*i*ons.

[1] *i.e.*, hostile to the Puritan party.

'2. Wee are constrained to c*er*tifye, that if they shall desert vs, 'both this Guarrison and County will bee left A pray for the enraged 'enemy (of whose Tiranny wee haue beene soe sensible), and now 'they gape for an oportunity, hopeinge that theis vnhappy divisions 'will yeild them that advantage w*hi*ch otherwise they despaired of.

'3. That if theis gentl*emen* (beeinge soe well experienct in the 'affaires of the County), should now leave vs, there is not any well-'affected (that wee know), who vnderstand the state thereof, or can 'p*ro*ceed w*i*th such vigoure and successe as (through God's blessinge), 'they haue hitherto doone, but in p*ro*bability all will growe to 'confusion.

'4. That though the Governor and his brother bee absent, (blessed 'bee God), this Guarrison hath beene and is in A quiett and happy 'condic*i*on, and noe disobedience or refractorines in any officers or 'souldiers (that wee can p*er*ceiue), but all are cheerefull, vnanimous, 'and diligent in their seu*er*all duties, saueinge such offences as haue 'p*ro*ceeded from the factious p*ar*ty of the Castle.

'5. That, to our best Judgments, wee conceiue that the Govern-'m*en*t of the Com*m*ittee and their Com*m*ands doe best suite w*i*th the 'condic*i*on of this Garrison in Regard all the horse com*m*anders and 'most of the foote now therein haue receiued their Com*m*issions from 'them, and haue beene raised by them aswell horse as foote, and are 'paid and maintained by them, But many of them heretofore haue 'beene so discouraged and p*ro*voked by the impious com*m*ands and 'passionate and violent Carriage of the Governor, that they will 'rather lay downe their armes and quitt the Garrison then endure 'such slavery.

'6. That wee vnderstand some of o*u*r pious and conscionable 'ministers (here resideinge), by whose godly labours amongst vs this 'Garrison (without doubt), hath p*ro*spered much better then otherwise 'it could haue doone, and by whom o*u*r hearts haue been much 'supported in the midst of all distresses, yet by those p*ar*ties and 'p*ro*sequutors aboue are most vncivilly vsed, and w*i*th Cavallier-like 'language abused, One beeinge called to his face, "proud preist," '"peevish preist," and "factious preist," haueing the lye given vnto 'hym, and A trencher offered to bee throne at his head, an other that 'his preaching is factious; wee can not but iustify them both to bee 'Orthodox, painfull, and p*ro*fitable preachers, who are not inclined to 'faction, but doe wholly endevour to p*re*serve peace and vnity in this

'Guarrison, and by whom wee and many others haue receiued much 'comfort.

'7. That it is apparent to vs that the subscribers of A late peticion 'exhibited by the Inhabitants of this Towne vnto your honors (with 'A Remonstrance therevnto annexed), which subscribers consisted of 'the Maior, sundry of the Aldermen, the sheriffs, and about 30 others 'of the Gentry and neighbors of the Country here resideinge, and of 'the better ranck of the said Inhabitants, are by some of the parties 'now attendinge on that Honorable Committee tearmed grand malig-'nants, wee can not but take it as A great abuse and scandall to our 'selues and the whole Corporacion, who haue beene at such charge 'and paines twice to fortify this Towne, to maintaine the workes, and 'in our owne persons to mann and defend them, All which wee haue 'soe doone for the good of this Garrison, cheifely by the advice of the 'Committee, for the honor and respect wee haue allwaies borne and 'yeilded to them and their commands, and which wee shall still faith-'fully endevour, to the hazard of our liues, for the service of the 'Kinge and Parliament, And cannott doubt but your honors' wisdome 'and iustice will vindicate our integrity and fidelity with the condign 'punishment of the authors, else many of vs are resolued to leave our 'habitacions, and seeke harbour where wee may bee better esteemed.

'8. That haueinge thus certifyed, our ioynt and humble suite to 'your honors is, that (since our Committees are scandalized in soe vile 'A manner, and threatened by those who desire power to execute 'their purposes,—as wee conceive,—and soe discouradged as that they 'are weary of this service, if they may not bee vindicated and proceede 'peaceably therein, Our Commanders and soldiers haue resolued to 'lay downe their armes rather then endure such slavery and high 'comands; Our ministers reproached with pride, peevis[h]nes and 'faction, because they comply not with those prosecutors, and our-'selues calumniated with knavery and malignancy), wee may all 'receiue releefe and reparacion by your noblenes and Justice, to which 'wee appeale: And our further humble suite is, that the government 'of this garrison may bee fully and speedely settled in this Committee, 'that wee may goe on in this great service with safety and cheare-'fullnes, that soe all iminent dangers now feared may bee diverted, 'and the enemies' expectacions bee frustrated, and the rather because 'the Governor beeinge lately desired by A commander of this Garrison '(then at Westminster), that some care might bee taken for the poore

'Towne of Nottingham, hee answered, hee did not care for the towne, 'and therefore wee humbly conceiue hym not fitt to bee trusted with 'the Towne who soe little Regards it. All which wee referr to your 'honors' wisdome, and wee most humbly beseech your speedy deter'minacions therein, without which this Garrison can noe longer 'subsist.'[1] 3419, fos. 20-23.

1644, Thursday, December 5.

Tolls.—This Companye do lett vnto Maisters Sheriffes (Maister [Thomas] Smyth and Maister [William] Bayly), All manner of such Tolls as they haue taken since Michaelmas last, ariseinge and groeing within the liberties of this Towne, and at Lenton:

The Cheife Rents and Newarke and Everton Tolle, Stallages and oatemeale excepted:

To hould the same, except before excepted, till Michaelmas next, together with the monies allready by them receiued for the said tolls, to their owne vse.

The said sheriffes payinge for the same forty pownds, *scilicet*, xx. li. at Lady-day next and xx. li. at Michaelmas next:

And it is agreed betweene all parties, that if any question arise concerninge this order, or the tolls demised, that then this house shall explaine theire meaneinge concerninge the same, and settle the said question or difference, and all parties to stand to the order of this house therein. 3419, fo. 25.

XCI.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1644-5.

Necessarie Expenses.

Item, given by Maister Maior to the bulworke folks to drincke: iijs. iiijd.

Item, for plowing sodds for the works: vs.

Item, for Colers giuen to Colonell Rossiter's souldiers: iij. li. xiiijs. xd. 1647, fo. 3.

Item, paid to Richard Smith for roundheads for the towne: v. li. *Ib.*, fo. 4.

[1] Below this entry is the following minute: 'This was Cancelled by order of the house made 13 October, 1646; see that order for it.'

*It*em, for remoueing the roundheads into the armerie: xijd.

*It*em, p*ai*d John Morres for watching and keepeing visited people out of the Towne: xvijs. *Ib.*, fo. 5.

Presents and Rewards.

*Imp*r*im*is, wyne giuen to Com*m*anders by M*aister* Maior: xjs.

*It*em, wyne p*re*sent*ed* to Scotch Com*m*anders and ministers: xxxvs. jxd.

*It*em, wyne p*re*sented to Colon*e*ll Rositer, and other Com*m*anders, at seu*er*all times: xxxijs. jd.

*It*em, for wyne p*re*sented to ye gou*er*nor and other gent*lemen*: xjs.

*It*em, p*re*sented to Maior[1] Meldram and other p*ri*soners at Newarke: v. li.

*Ite*m, for wyne beestowed on Darbie Captaines: xxs. vijd.

Ib., fo. 7.

XCII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1644-5, Friday, February 14.

[2]*vj. li. Toll: iiij. li. Lenton Toll: M*aister *Millington.*—M*aister* Maior haueinge in his hands, vpon Thomas Barnes his accompt, for the Tolls j° Aug*ust*, 1644, the some of vj. li., and haueinge receiued since of Ald*erman* Gregory for Lenton Tolle iiij. li. for 2 yeares last past, *in toto* x. li., Hee paid the same, as is evident, by consent of some of his breethren and others, vnto M*aister* Millington, when hee was here.

*M*aister *Millington.*—This Company haue this day ordered and voted that M*aister* Millington shall haue x. li. more sent hym vpp, w*hi*ch M*aister* Maior is to receiue of the Chamberlins, and to send it or retorne it to hym speedily; and also to desire of M*aister* Millington, if hee please, to send downe his writt for his fees, that soe such as are not his freinds might not escape, but may pay some, and not all to goe out of the Towne's stocke; and also to desire hym, if hee can, to p*ro*cure an abatem*en*t of the areres of the excise, according to his kind offer in his letter to M*aister* Maior. 3419, fo. 30.

[1] Maior = Major.

[2] The various sums paid to Millington are noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 709 and 730. Millington was at this time engaged in London, in carrying on an inquiry, 'almost,' as Bailey expresses it, 'amounting to a prosecution,' against Colonel Hutchinson. Ten pounds were given to Millington, and one pound to his man for 'viewing' cloth on 4th February, 1645.

1644-5, Friday, February 21.

[1] *Fishinge in Trent: Clarke.*—This company doe lett to Will*ia*m Clarke, of [2] the fishinge in the Trent, both aboue and beloe the bridges, to hold from Candlemas[3] last for A yeare, payinge xs. *per annum* at Lam*m*as[4] next, p*ro*vided that hee lett M*aister* Steven Hall haue fishing there as hee vseth to haue, giueing hym resonable allowance. 3419, fo. 31.

1644-5, Friday, March 21.

*Assess*ment.—Vpon moc*i*on of the Com*m*ittee and Towne's Captins, Resolued vpon the question, *nullo contradicente*[5] (*praeter*[6] Ald*erman* Drewry), that it is fittinge that A weekely assessm*en*t bee made vpon the able Inhabitants within this garrison, for the necessary releefe of the poorer sort of souldiers that are volunteeres, and doe dutie for defence of the garrison.

Listinge.—This company doe desire and request of the Com*m*ittee that all men that inhabitt within this garrison of the Towne of Nottingha*m*, and that are able in p*er*son to beare armes, may bee brought in and listed, and beare armes, and p*er*forme duties as other inhabitants doe, for defence of this garrison and Towne of Notting-ha*m*, and that there may bee no fauor nor p*ar*tiality shewed to any p*er*son therein.

Resolued on ye question (*nullo contradicente*[7]), that this request shalbee p*re*sented to the Com*m*ittee. *Ib.*, fo. 32.

1645, May 31.

[8] *Towne's Writeings.*—Quest*ion*, if the Ch*ar*t*er*s, Leases, and Towne's writeings should bee secured in the Castle in theis tymes of danger:

Resolued vpon the question, *nullo contradicente*,[9] y*a*t the same shalbee secured in the Castle in theis tymes of danger.

*Record*er.—Quest*ion*, if M*aister* James Chadwick, Esq*uire*, shalbee desired to continue to execute ye place of ye Recorder of this Towne in the same power y*a*t now hee doth?

Resolued vpon ye question, *nullo contradicente*,[9] y*a*t hee shalbee

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.
[2] Blank in MS.
[3] February 2.
[4] The first of August.
[5] *Translation:* no one contradicting.
[6] *Translation:* except.
[7] *Translation:* no one contradicting.
[8] Noticed by Bailey under year 1644, vol. ii., p. 729.
[9] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

desired and requested to execute the place of ye Record*er* of this Towne in the same power y*a*t now hee doth.

And therevpon hee p*re*sently drew a note and subscribed it with his hand *in haec verba*:[1]—

'*Vill*a *Nott*inghamiae:[2] I doe p*ro*mise to execute the place of 'Recorder of the Towne of Nottingha*m* (as Recorder), vntill the right 'ho*nora*ble the Lord of Clare shall, at his instance, p*ro*cure ye Ch*art*er 'of the Towne of Nott*ingham* to bee renued, and power therein to 'bee granted to make and sweare A deputy Recorder,[3] and that 'either M*aister* Millington constantly[4] leaue the Parliam*en*t, or that 'this Parliam*en*t doe ende; And then I desire to bee disaburd*en*ed of 'that service, and dischardged of my p*ro*mise.

'*p*er *me*[5] Ja. Chadwicke.

'31 Maij 1645. *vera copia.*'[6]

3419, fo. 35.

1645, Friday, June 6.

Wood feld.—It is this day voted and ordered by this company (*nullo contradicente*[7]), that as many trees and as much crooked wood and fire woode in the Coppies shalbee speedily cutt downe, and the wood and barke thereof sold, as will raise forty pownds or thereabouts, and the monie to bee made thereof to bee paid to the Chamberlins towards the defrayinge the great charges the Towne hath lately beene at about the Bullworke and other such like things, and M*aister* Maior, M*aister* Alder*man* Drewry, M*aister* Alder*man* Gamble, the Chamb*er*lins and ye Bridgmaisters, M*aister* Wolly, M*aister* Cooper, and M*aister* Turpin, and who else they thinck fitt to imploy, are desired to see the same doone accordingly, and to m*ar*ke and sett out and sell the said wood and barke. *Ib*, fo. 37.

1645, August 4.

Mace.—Voted by this Company that it is fitt the Towne should buy M*aister* Recorder's mace:

Voted likewise that the Towne shall pay M*aister* Recorder for the said Mace sixty pownds, before Mich*aelm*as next, the mace haueinge cost hym 64 li., and hee beeinge willinge to abate the 4 li.

[1] *Translation:* in these words.

[2] *Translation:* Town of Nottingham.

[3] The power was given by the Charter of Charles II.

[4] constantly = certainly.

[5] *Translation:* by me. Chadwick's own signature is appended.

[6] *Translation:* true copy.

[7] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

Mace paid for: *vide* 12 *Septembris* 1645.

*M*istr*is* *Millington.*—Voted that the Chamberlins shall p*re*sent M*ist*r*i*s Millington w*i*th fiue pownds this weeke from ye Towne, as a Toaken of theire respects to her.

*M*aister *Millington: Tolls.*—Voted that M*aister* Maior shall send to and p*re*sent M*aister* Millington w*i*th xx. li., and his man xxs., w*hi*ch xxj. li. M*aister* Maior thus receiueth againe: x. li. of the Bridgm*aister*s, x. li. of ye Sheriffes for ye Tolls, and xxs. of the Chamb*er*lins. 3419, fo. 38.

1645, September 3.

[1]*M*aister *Mason.*—This Company are agreed (*nullo contradicente*),[2] that Captin Mason shall bee sworne burges, freely, payinge nothinge for the same (it to bee noe p*re*iudice nor example for the future, to any other), for theis reasons: Because

1. He is Captin of many Townsemen, volunteers for defence of the Towne, and hath p*er*formed y*a*t place faithfully, w*i*th great paines and charg.

2. Hee is of the Com*m*ittee, and therein hath [done] and may doe the Towne good service.

3. Hee is of noe trade or occupac*i*on, manuall or other, that will hinder or p*re*iudice any former burges in any respect, neither will hee (if any occation bee), hinder, but doe what hee can for, the good of the Corporac*i*on and the members of it.

Captin Mason was this day sent for and sworne burges (accordinge to the former vote this day), before this Companye.

[1] *Streetes.*—Voted (*nullo contradicente*),[2] that there shalbee fiue pound paid out of the towne's stock towards the clenseinge of the streetes, yf that the Com*m*ittee will giue fiue pound more towards the same; the same beeinge occationed by the horse quart*er*s.

Ib., fo. 42.

1645, September 12.

Fyne: Mace.—Threescore pound of this c. li. fyne was paid this day to the Schoolewarden,[3] M*aister* Malyn; and hee paid it then to M*aister* Maior, and M*aister* Maior paid it then to M*aister* Recorder for his Mace, accordinge to ye agreem*en*t of this house made for the same, 16 July 1645. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.

[2] *Translation*: no one contradicting.

[3] *Schoolewarden*]; 'Schoolewardens,' MS.

Clarke of ye Statutes.—This company haueinge formerly sent vpp A certificat of the absence of Maister Greaues, clerke of the statutes, receaved one writt *de Clerico ad Statuta amovendo,*[1] and another writt *de clerico ad statuta eligendo;*[2] both which writts were allowed before this Company.

And therevpon this company voted (*nullo contradicente*[3]), that Maister Greaues shalbee amooued and displaced, and by this vote they doe amooue and displace hym from beeinge Clerke of the Statutes in this towne; *secundum exigentia brevis de clerico ad statuta amouendo.*[4]

And after that this company therevpon voted (*nullo contradicente*[3]) that Maister William Flamsteed should bee Clarke of the Statutes, in the place and stead of the said Maister Greaues, for the said Towne, and the said company, by this thier voate, doe choose the said Maister Flamsteed clerke of the statutes there, and doe vote that hee shalbee so certifyed vnder the Towne's seale, *secundum exigentia brevis de clerico ad statuta eligendo.*[5]

The which said twoe writts are entred *verbatim*, as followeth in the next leafe.[6] 3419, fo. 44.

1645, September 22.

Certificate de Clerico statutorum.—This day also before this company was sealed the Certificat or retvrne of the writt *de clerico ad statuta eligendo,*[7] wherein William Flamsteed, gentleman, is certifyed and retvrned to bee elected in the place of Robert Greaues, gentleman, to haue the keeping of the lesser parte of the seale for the statutes, *secundum exigentia brevis de clerico ad statuta eligendo*[8] before mencioned, 12 September *vltimi.* *Ib.*, fo. 49.

1645, September 24.

Maister Topladye.—Vpon severall questions and debates concerninge Alderman Topladye, after hee was nominated Maior, This question was stated:—

[1] *Translation:* For removing the Clerk to the Statutes.

[2] *Translation:* For electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

[3] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

[4] *Translation:* According to the requirements of the writ for removing the Clerk to the Statutes.

[5] *Translation:* According to the demands of the writ for electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

[6] See pp. 26-29 for copies of these writs.

[7] *Translation:* For electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

[8] *Translation:* According to the requirements of the writ for electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

Quest*ion*, Whether the said Alderman bee guilty of any delinquencye or malignancye (for any thinge that hath appeared or doth appeare to this house), since hee tooke the p*ro*testac*i*on and nationall Coven*a*nt, and since the publicac*i*on of the declarac*i*on of both kingdomes, or not?

Resol*ued*:—Resolued and voted in the negatiue, that hee is not guilty (as in the question is demanded), *nullo contradicente.*[1]

And therevpon M*aister* Topladye, before this Companye, did relinquish and waue the former voate and nominac*i*on (of hym to bee Maior for the next yeare), and desired to bee spared from that place w*i*thout any fyne or p*re*iudice to hym, and that this company would p*ro*ceede to nominate an other to bee Maior for the said yeare.

All w*hi*ch this Company condiscended vnto, and graunted *nullo contradicente,*[1] and p*ro*ceeded to A new nominac*i*on.[2] 3419, fo. 47.

1645, September 26.

*Ald*erman *Drewry v. li. Harrison's v. li. of M*aister *Staples' money.*—It is agreed and voted that Alderman Drewrye (vpon his petic*i*on p*re*ferred to this company this daye), shall haue fiue pound paid and allowed hym for the charges hee was put to in goinge to Yorke (beeinge Deputy Maior for Ald*erman* James), for not p*ro*claimeinge the Earle of Essex[3] Traitor vpon the King's p*ro*clam*acion* sent to hym; this mony to bee paid when hee paieth the remainder of his fyne to the Schoole Wardens, hee getting in v. li. due from Rich*ard* Harrison to the Towne, p*ar*te of M*aister* Staples his guifte, and takeing *yat* for his v. li., and M*aister* Malyn, Schoolewarden, vpon receipt of the remainder of the said fyne, payinge 5 li., to bee putt forth as M*aister* Staples' monye. *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1645, November 19.

Receiuer: Fee farme.—Maior Basse, the Receiuer, demandinge 191 li. 8s. 3d., for the areares of the fee farme for 3 yeares ended at Mich*aelm*as last, and haueinge receiued an answer the last tyme hee was here, this company gaue hym the same answer againe, and hee sayeinge that hee thought that answer would not satisfye the Com*m*ittee of Revenue, It is left to M*aister* Recorder to confer w*i*th hym and the Com*m*itee about it, because the Com*m*itee claime the same as graunted to them by ordinance of Parliam*ent*. 3420, fo. 17.

[1] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

[2] Alderman Gamble was nominated Mayor in his stead.

[3] The Parliamentary General before Cromwell.



1645, November 23.

Governor.[1]—Quest*ion* if the Governor (Col*onel* John Hutchinson), shalbee sworne Burges, payinge his x. li.?

Resolued vpon the Quest*ion (nullo contradicente*[2]*)* that hee shall, and therevpon hee, beeinge then at the hall, was sworne and sent for, and paid x. li. accordingly.

Question, how this x. li. shalbee disposed of?

Resolued, vpon the quest*ion*, *nullo contradicente*,[2] that it shalbee giuen hym againe, and his burgesship giuen, (and this to bee noe p*re*sident[3] nor example), 1, because the company desired hym to accept of it, 2, because hee is not of any trade or p*ro*fession to hinder any other Burgesses. 3^ly^, because hee hath doone faithfull and good service in his place to the State and garrison;

5 li. poore.—His x. li. beeinge giuen hym againe, in thanckfullnes hee gaue 5 li. of it to ye poore, whereof 50s. was deliu*er*ed to M*aister* Hooton for Marie's p*ar*ish, and 50s. to M*aister* H. James for the other 2 p*ar*ishes: gaue company xs. to drincke. 3420, fo. 18.

1645, December 22.

C. li. pro volunteeres.—It is agreed and graunted by this company, that there shalbee an hundred pounds raised for the contenteinge of the poorer sort of soldiers and officers of the voluntere companie; the Com*m*ittee subscribeinge the note[4] drawne concerninge the same as it is enterlined, w*hi*ch is annexed or filed. And the said c. li. to bee thus raised for the p*re*sent, so y*a*t the Towne's Stocke bee after made good againe, *videlicet*,

	li.	s.	d.
Lord Chaworth: monye.—forth of the mony in Ald*erman* James his hand of my Lord Chaworth's giuft .	60	00	0
from the Bridgemaisters	10	00	0
from the Chamberlins	10	00	0
borrowed of ye Excise, w*hi*ch is p*rom*i*sed* by note vnder M*aiste*r Maior's hand, and Ald*erman* Gregorye's and Ald*erman* Drewrie's, to bee repaid out of ye first monies rec*eived* by assessm*en*t in ye Towne for ye said soldiers	20	00	0
*Sum*ma	100	00	00

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.
[2] *Translation:* no one contradicting.
[3] president = precedent.
[4] 'note' is repeated in MS.

7 to see it distributed.—Agreed y*a*t theis 7, M*aister* [Randall] Millner, M*aister* [Joseph] Wingfeild, M*aister* [William] Bayly, Marshall Smyth, M*aister* [John] Reckles, M*aister* [Richard] Hides and M*aister* [Thomas] Malyn shall joyne w*i*th the Towne's Capt*ines* to see the same diuided and distributed accordingly. 3420, fo. 19.

1645, December 26.

[1]*Jackson and Hewood.*—M*aister* Thom*as* Jackson informeth this Companye that John Hewood did tell this informant and others, that S*ir* Richard Byron had p*ro*mised hym A lease of the Copies, if that the Kinge gott the better, and also of S*ain*t Anne Well, and that this is true hee hath subscribed his hande.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1645-6, February 4.

*Col*onel *Chadwicke.*—Resolued vpon the Question, that Col*onel* Chadwicke shall haue the vj. li. *p*er *an*num (ouer and aboue the Recorder's ancient fee as M*aister* Fletcher hadd, whilst hee executed the office of Recorder here); and alsoe that hee shall haue the iiij. li. (beinge the said auntient fee), untill that my Lord of Clare or some other by authority from hym doe demand the same: other his desires respited till he come. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1645-6, February 27.

[3]*Peticion: Committee: pro Wood.*—A petic*i*on is to bee drawne and p*re*sented to the Com*m*ittee to haue licence and power from the Com*m*ittee to fell and take *cer*ten[4] Ashes (standeinge in the Trent), of S*ir* Jervas Clifton's, ag*ainst* Clifton, to make railes to fence the Trent Closes w*hi*ch were destroyed for safety of the guarrison at the bridges:

And alsoe for to haue M*aister* Draper's timber at Flintham, or some other delinquent's wood, towards the repaire of the bridges which were pulled in peeces by the enemy. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

1646, May 26.

Fee farme.—Resolued, y*a*t it is fitt M*aister* Maior and some of ye Aldermen and the p*re*sent Sheriffe doe goe to Maior[5] Basse, the

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.

[2] The initials 'T. J.' appear at the foot of this minute, probably in Jackson's hand.

[3] Quoted inaccurately by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730, year 1645.

[4] 'c'ten Ashes,' MS. Bailey has '*ten* ash-trees,' having apparently been misled by the contraction.

[5] Maior = Major.

Receiuer, and doe pay hym one halfe of the fee farme for the halfe yeare ended at Lady Day last, which money the Sheriffs haue redy, and that they treate and deale with hym for further tyme for former areares, vpon the Reasons Colonell Chadwick formerly drewe.

3420, fo. 28.

[1] *Sicknes: visits.*—Resolued that all the Constables in the Towne shalbee sent vnto, and required to desire all persons in theire seuerall Decinaries to bee very carefull whom they goe to visite in sicknes, and to bee spareinge therein and in goeinge to funeralls, for feare of the sicknes.

Swine.—Ordered that the Bellman bee sent to require all persons to keepe vpp theire swine from goeinge abroad, for feare of the infeccion, on paine of xijd. A peece pinshippe.[2]

Topps of Trees: Hutts.—Ordered that John Hewood shall not haue the topps of the trees feld or standinge in the woods, and that the topps of the trees to bee feld for the vse of the Bridges shalbee brought to his house, and there kept to make hutts for people infected, or suspected to bee infected, with the plague, and for other vses for the Towne.

And that John Hewood shall bee called to accompt for the Topps hee hath taken or feld.

Lecture.—Resolued and agreed vpon, that the lecture bee desired to bee kept vpp and continued one weeke at one church, and an other weeke at the other Church,[3] and the minister that preacheth to haue his ordinary for yat day paid for, and A quart of sacke giuen hym forth[4] of the parish stocks; and one weeke by one parish, and the other weeke by the other parishes, and the same paid for by the respectiue Churchwardens accordinglye. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

1646, August 14.

[5] *Wood disfranchised.*—Resolued vpon the question (*nullo contradicente*[6]), and ordered and agreed by this company, that Richard Wood shalbee disfranchised, and hereby is disfranchised from beeing A Burges of this Towne, and enioyeinge any profitts, rights or priviledges as A Burges of the said Towne, for that hee hath beene vnfaithfull to this Corporacion, and done and acted contrary to his

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 768.

[2] Pinship = mulct for penning strayed swine.

[3] St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

[4] forth = out.

[5] This and the following are noticed generally in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 765.

[6] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

dutye and trust as A Burges of the said Towne, and ag*ainst* the publick good of this corporac*i*on, and contrary to his burges oath.

In that, that hee departed out of this Towne in or before Septem*ber*, 1643, without licence, and soe liued out of the said towne for twoo yeares after (ag*ainst* the order of this Counsell), and·in the enemies' guarrisons and quarters at Newarke, and ioyned with them and aided and assisted them ag*ainst* this Towne in acts of hostility.[1]

*R. Feilds, Broodhead, disfran*chised.—Resolued, and voted and ordered the like ag*ainst* Rich*ard* Feilds and Will*ia*m Broodhead sev*er*ally, In that, that they did the like, and alsoe did beare armes ag*ainst* the Parliam*en*t and State, and ag*ainst* this Towne, as officers, amongst the comon enemies at Newarke, and came amongst them in Septem*ber*, 1643, and[2] 1644, and entred into this Towne, and acted ag*ainst* the Burgesses and inhabitants thereof, in an hostile manner, amongst the said enemies, who plundered and attempted to haue burned the said Towne.

*Brightman disfran*chised.—Resolued, and voted and ordered the like ag*ainst* Richard Brightman, In that, that hee dep*ar*ted the Towne and liued twoo yeares and more forth[3] of the same, contrary to the said order, and bare armes dureing that tyme, and acted as A soldier amongst the Comon enemies of the kingdom[4] ag*ainst* this Towne, and was A Captin At Wyverton, and some tyme had the gou*er*nm*en*t of the enemies' garrison there. 3420, fo. 32.

1646, September 9.

*M*aister *Greaues.*—M*aister* Greaues appeared vpon somons, and beeing examined vpon some questions concerninge his beeinge at Newarke, and his liueing there:

Confessed, that when the kinge was there, hee was imployed to oversee the workes, and receiued xs. for A weeke's pay for the same, for one weeke; but denieth hee either boare Armes, or trailed a pike there.

The matter concerning his disfranchiseing was deferred, because the witnesses[5] to prooue his beareinge of Armes there, and other acts, are not yet p*ro*duced. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

[1] The word 'pronounced' is written in the margin at the foot of this and the two following minutes.

[2] Blank in MS.

[3] forth = out.

[4] kingdom,] 'kingdo*n*,' MS.

[5] witnesses,] 'witnes,' MS.

B. Hynde.—Resolued vpon the question (*nullo contradicente*[1]), and it is ordered and agreed by the company, that Burton Hynde shalbee disfranchised, and hereby is disfranchised from beeinge A Burgesse of this towne and enioyinge any p*ro*fitts, rights, or priviledges as A Burges of the said Towne, for thatt hee hath beene vnfaithfull to this Corporac*i*on, and doone and acted contrary to his duty and trust as a Burges of the said Towne, and against the publick good of this Corporac*i*on, and contrary to his Burgesse oathe, In that, that hee dep*ar*ted out of this Towne on or before September, 1643, and soe liued out of this Towne without licence for 2 yeares after and more, contrary to the order of the Counsell, and liued at Newarke, in the Enemies' garrison there, dureinge that tyme, and was A listed soldier, and in armes there ag*ains*t the Parliam*en*t and this Towne, and was an vnder Marshall there, and came in armes ag*ains*t the towne, and entred the towne in armes w*i*th the said comon enemies twice, who plundered the said Towne, and attempted to haue fired it.[2] 3420, fos. 35-6.

1646, September 16.

Faire.[3]—Voted and ordered gen*er*ally that the goose fair shalbee wholly cryed downe, and p*ro*clam*acion* to bee sent to m*ar*kett townes to forbidd the people to come to it, by reason of the sicknes in the Cuntry, and to p*re*vent danger to the Towne, through God's m*er*cies.[4] *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1646, September 23.

*M*aister *Greaues.*—Resolued by all p*re*sent, and[5] agreed vpon and thought fitt that M*aister* Robert Greaues should be disfranchised, vpon the grounds and causes allready appeareinge by his owne confession, and testimony of others; but because that many are absent that hee may expect freindshipp from, and because some other things will bee made appeare which yet are not, therefore it is not [to] bee p*ro*nounced, nor declared, vntill next meetinge. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

[1] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

[2] William Morris and Robert Wood were also disfranchised on similar grounds at the same time.

[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 768.

[4] The Sheriffs, Messrs. Fillingham and Garner, were subsequently allowed xls. for 'their losses in respect of the Company's putting down the fair.'

[5] 'and' repeated in MS.

1646, October 13.

[1]Governor this day gaue licence to haue the works taken from the bridges, that are dangerous to bee[2] hurtfull to the bridges.

This Company desire the Governor to take of[3] the guards from the Towne because[4] 3421, fo. 27.

*M*aister *Leake.*—This company are desirous to augm*en*t M*aister* Leake his yearely fee, the Schoolemaister (the Governor mooueing it this day), and it is referred to M*aister* Leake whether hee will haue it in monie, or haue the 2 Ladies' closes (that M*aister* Serg*ean*t Boone held and M*aister* Greaues), at some small yearely rent.

*Order to be cancelled inte*r *Governor and Com*mi*ttee.*—Resolued and agreed vpon by this Company (*nullo contradicente*[5]), that the entrye of the petic*i*on and remonstrance concerning the difference and clashing betweene the Governor and Com*m*ittee, and entred 14 *die Novem*bris, 1644, in M*aister* Nixe's Maior's yeare, shall bee cancelled, annihilated and made voide, as altogether vnfitt to stand entred vpon Record as the act of this companye. *Ib.*, fo. 28.

1646, Thursday, November 5.

*M*aister *Piggott.*—This company are content that Captin Pigott shall bee made Burgesse, depositinge x. li. to the consideraci*o*n of this company: not sworne. *Ib.*, fo. 33.

1646, Tuesday, November 10.

Lenton Faire.[6]—The Burgesses p*re*ferred A petic*i*on this day to this Companye, to haue liberty to keepe open theire shopps here in Towne and m*ar*kett this Lenton faire, and to bee p*ro*tected by the Towne, M*aister* Ald*erman* Gregory, Lord of the faire, beeing p*re*sent, which petic*i*on beeinge read, and alsoe the composic*i*on, after the said Alderman's departure, hee refuseing to stay to heare the same:

1. This company conceiueinge the said composic*i*on to bee against lawe, in hinderinge the Burgesses of vseinge theire trades and open[ing] theire shoppes, and vseinge the m*ar*kett in this towne, accordinge to the charter, dureing the faire:

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 768.

[2] 'dangerous to be' = in danger of being.

[3] of = off.

[4] Blank in MS.

[5] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

[6] Noticed and explained by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 766. Alderman Gregory, a Parliamentarian, was endeavouring to enforce a statute of Henry I., that 'no man should buy or sell in Nottingham during the time of Lenton fair.'

2. It beeinge apparant that the Lords and farmers of the said Lenton faire haue continually from tyme to tyme broaken the said Composic*i*on on theire p*ar*te, and oppressed the Burgesses, contrary to the same:

3. And because the same matter is of gen*er*all concernm*en*t to all the Burgesses and Cominaltie of this Towne, and soe wilbee either to their good or to their hurt:

Therefore, this company doe order and thinck fitt, that if any of the Burgesses bee sued or trobled for keepeinge the m*ar*kett, or keepeing open theire shopps, or vseing theire trades in this Towne dureinge the said faire, that the same suite shalbee tried at the gen*er*all charge of this Towne, and the said Burgesse or Burgesses for soe doeinge, to bee p*ro*tected and defended at the Comon charge of this Corporac*i*on. 3421, fo. 35.

1646, Wednesday, November 18.

[1] *Watch.*—The Watch is to bee taken of[2] all butt one at the Cow lane barr.

*M*aister *Leake.*—It is ordered and agreed by this company that M*aister* Leake, the Schoolemaister, for his tyme, shall hereafter haue xl. li. A yeare Wages, *scil*icet x. li. A quarter, the first quarter payment beginninge at Christmas next. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1646, December 1.

*M*aister *Tomlyn*: *M*aister *Alsebrook.*—M*aister* Tomlyn and M*aister* Alsebrooke paid in the xxx. li. according to the order of this company form*er*ly made, and soe they to bee dischardged of the fee farme for that yeare, according to the said order.[3] 3421, fo. 39.

1646, Friday, December 25.

Presents.—This companye are contented that the Countesse of Clare, and o*ther* twoo Parliam*en*t burgesses' wiues, shall bee p*re*sented from the Corporac*i*on as followeth, vizt, the Countesse of Clare w*i*th A rundlett of sacke of eight gallons, and 2 small sugar loaues.

M*ist*r*i*s Pierepont w*i*th A rundlett of sacke of sixe gallons and 2 small sugar-loaues.

M*ist*r*i*s Millington w*i*th the like.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 765.

[2] of=off.

[3] On the same day, £5, one half of the fine for the lease of the 'Castle' Inn to Mr. Malin, was ordered to be paid to Major Basse towards the discharge of fee-farm arrears.

Newark.—It is thought fitt that the corne comeinge from Newarke bee nott stopt, but houshould goods to bee stopt that come from thence.

Tolle.—Eu*er*y houshoulder to bee warned by the Constables in theire scu*er*all disnaries to see that toll bee paid for the corne that is brought to theire houses in the weeke daye; and what is brought after Fryday night, at 12 of the clock, to bee brought into the m*ar*ket accordinge to order. 3421, fo. 41.

XCIII.—*Extracts from the Bridgewardens' Account.*

1646-7.

Given to the sentrie at Trentbriges when M*aister* Mayore and the bridge wardens vewed the lanes . . . iiijd.

P*aid* iij. laberers for iiii. deis worke and a halfe in the lanes the xii. dey of Feberwarie . . . . xs. iiijd.

Given to ix. workemen in the lanes to drinke . . . viijd.

1940, fo. 1.

Given to the carpinters of Ratlif, and masons and som other men that gate stone when wee hired them . . . xxd.

Ib., fo. 3.

P*aid* Tollot and Atkinson for cootting vp some treeis at Boocat[1] wood, after the had dovn the pilles; viii. coottings of treeis . . . . iijs.

Ib., fo. 4.

XCIV.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1646-7.

Necessary Expenses.

*It*em, for bread to ye souldiers when ye king was in towne . . . . vijs.

*It*em, for Coales and Candles for S*ir* Tho*mas* Fairefax guard . . . . xxxiijs. vijd.

*It*em, for dressing ye 'Blackamore's head' and ye gen*er*all's q*uar*ters . . . . ijs.

1649, fo. 5.

[1] *i.e.*, Bulcote.

*It*em, p*ai*d for q*uar*tering of Troops according to M*aister* Maior's order, and as by there bills doth appeare xj. li. xs. xd.
*It*em, p*ai*d more for q*uar*tering of troops: 5 bills . . xxxiijs. iiijd.

Ib., fo. 9.

Presents and Rewards.

*Imp*ri*mis*, Wyne and Suger p*re*sented to M*aister* Millington, Maior Gen*er*all Skippon, and other Com*m*anders vpon M*aister* Maior's bill . . v. li. xvjd.
*Ite*m, for Wyne and Suger p*re*sented to the Earle of Clare, Colon*e*ll Pierrepon, and other charges . vj. li. xixs. vjd.
*Ite*m, for Wyne and Suger p*re*sented to the Lords and Com*m*ons when the king were in Towne . . iij. li. iijs. xjd.
*Ite*m, giuen in Reward to the King's Trumpetters and footemen . . . . xls.
*Ite*m, giuen S*ir* Thomas Fairefax' Trumpetter . . vs.
*Ite*m, for Wyne and Suger p*re*sented to S*ir* Thomas Fairefax and other Com*m*anders. . . . iiij. li. ijs. ijd.
*It*em, for Wyne and Suger p*re*sented to the Earle of Clare and M*aister* Millington . . . . xjs. iiijd.
*It*em, for wyne and suger p*re*sented to Maior Basse . ijs. iiijd.
*It*em, for wyne presented to M*aister* Pierrepont, and to ye Castle . . . . xijs. viijd.

Ib., fo. 10.

XCV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1646-7, Wednesday, January 6.

My Lord of Clare, o*ur* Recorder, haueinge recomended M*aister* [Clement] Spelman[1] (by 2 seue*r*all letters to M*aister* Maior and his breethren), to bee M*aister* Maior's assistance[2] and my Lord's Deputye, and M*aister* Maior thinckeinge it fitt, and moveinge it to this companye that hee might therefore bee sworne burges; thereupon this company giue consent therevnto, that hee shall bee sworne burges, and that hee shall haue the auncient fee (w*hi*ch was aunciently the Recorder's fee), dureinge soe longe tyme as hee doth the service as assistant to M*aister* Maior and my Lord's deputye, M*aister* Maior

[1] He was of Narborough, and it is said that, according to his own request, he was, after death, immured in a pillar of the church of which he had been warden many years.

[2] assistance = assistant, as below.

wantinge assistance; and Maister Spelman this day beeinge content therewith, was sworne burges accordinglye. 3421, fo. 43.

1646-7, Tuesday, January 26.

Maister Leake's Deodand.[1]—This company tooke into consideracion Maister Leake's draught and carriage, forfeited as A deodand, because Bevill Verye by accident was killed with the same, and Maister Leake and the sheriffes referring themselues to the order of this companye, It is ordered that the v. li. deposited shalbee thus divided :—

	li.	s.	d.
to the Towne *solvendum*[2]	0	10	00
the Sheriffes *solvendum vicecomitibus*[3] . .	1	00	00
the widdow of Verye, per Maister Cooper .	1	10	00
Maister Leake, the residue, per Maister Hawkins	2	00	00
[*Summa*] *totalis* . .	5	00	00

Maister Hawkins to treate with Maister Leake about the tith for the Towne. *Ib.*, fo. 45.

1646-7, Tuesday, March 9.

[4]*Cowlane barr.*—The Cowlane barr to bee pulled downe, and the tiles, wood, and stones to bee imployed for the best vse of the Towne. *Ib.*, fo. 47.

[5]*Not burgesses.*—It is ordered by this Company that, (according to the auncient custome of the Towne), the shopp windowes of all persons that trade in this Towne whoe are not sworn burgesses shalbee forthwith shutt vpp, and the Maior's sergeant and common sergeant is to see the same doone accordingly, as it hath beene aunciently vsed, the markett day excepted, and the said persons alsoe to pay tolls, and bee delt with as foraigners.[6] *Ib.*, fo. 48.

1646-7, Tuesday, March 16.

Glossopp.—Thomas Glossopp is to bee noe burges hereafter,

[1] 'Deodand,' a thing given or forfeited to God for pacifying His wrath, from *Deo dandum*, Latin, 'to be given to God.' As, if a horse, etc., should strike his keeper, etc., and kill him, the horse was to be given to God, *i.e.*, forfeited to the King by law, as executor, to see the price of such horse distributed to the poor.

[2] *Translation:* To be paid.

[3] *Translation:* To be paid to the Sheriffs.

[4] Noticed in Bailey under date 1649, when the order was repeated, vol. ii., p. 779.

[5] Noticed in Bailey, year 1646, vol. ii., p. 765. This order, as appears by a subsequent minute, was to be written in capitals, and set up in the Spice-Chambers.

[6] *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

because hee hath beene in armes ag*ain*st the Towne, and A drumer w*i*th the enemy, and left ye town.

Ridgway.—Will*ia*m Ridgway the like, because hee was in Armes ag*ain*st the Towne, and A drumer w*i*th ye enemy, and left the Towne.[1]

Gounes.—It is agreed on, that all the cleatheinge and Councell shall weare theire black gownes at the assises and after, as vsually they haue heretofore doone. *Ib.*, fo. 49.

1647, Tuesday, March 30.

Highwaies.—It is agreed by this company, that the workes about the Towne shalbee cutt downe to make A passage for the auncient highwaies, to saue the pauem*en*t, and eu*ery* Alderman in his ward to charge and see his Cunstables gather 6d. a peece of eu*ery* whole man, and 3d. A peece for eu*ery* halfe man, and 2d. a peece for eu*ery* three to A man, w*i*thin their wards respectiuelye, and to distraine vpon the refusers or neglectors to pay the same accordingly.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 55.

1647, Wednesday, April 7.

Eastcroft.—This Companye are agreed that Eastcroft shall bee eaten this yeare w*i*th kyne from Fryday xxiijth of Aprill till Fryday xxxo July after, and to putt butt 70 kyne in it at most, and 2 bulls of the Towne's, and eu*ery* one that hath A Cowe there for that tyme to pay xvjd. A Cow for eu*ery* weeke, and then to bee taken out, and then[3] to bee laid for A latter herbage, according to custome, and eu*ery* one to pay at the comeing in, and to pay the pinder jd. A cow to looke to them, and none but Burgesses' kyne to bee putt in there; and if any flood hynder for any tyme, then to haue soe much tyme after as it is hindered; and M*aisters* Chamberlines, M*aister* Fillingha*m*, and M*aister* Bayly to see to it, and to order how many kyne any burges shall haue in; and Chamberlins to receiue the mony, and ye poore to bee first serued.

Millne[4] horses to bee in, if neede bee; all other bease putt in to bee pined,[5] and agents borne out.[6] *Ib.*, fo. 57.

[1] Edward Bowler and Anthony Malyn were disfranchised, and Adam Paine declared 'incapable' of being a burgess, on the same day, for similar causes. Robert Shaw was also disfranchised on his own confession that he had lived at Wiverton, the enemy's garrison, and done service there.

[2] On the same day, Thomas Widoson and John Fish, the Mayor's Sergeants, were granted all the tolls of Oatmeal, Oats, and Malt, 'for the amending of their places.'

[3] 'Eastcroft' is to be here understood.

[4] Millne-horses = mill-horses. *Myln*, Saxon.

[5] Pined = pinned, *i.e.*, impounded.

[6] A similar order was made for the following Easter week. Westcroft was also ordered to be 'eaten,' etc., at the same times.

Ropers' stalls.[1]—The hosiers to bee remooued to the pauem*en*t, and the Ropers to sett stalls there[2] where the hosiers stood. *Ib.*, fo. 58.

1647, Tuesday, April 13.

Centry house and pinfold.—It is Agreed, the Centry-house at the bridges to bee taken downe, and it and the pinfold to bee sett at the Cheeny-bridges, and Averill the pinder to haue xxs. towards it, and to enioy it dureing his life onely.

M*aister* Ald*erman* Drewery, and M*aister* Flamsteed and Tho*mas* Whittington to speake to Capt*in* Poulton for his consent.

*Sam*uel *Wildaye.*—This Company doe disfranchise Sam*uel* Wilday[3] for actinge in office in his Mai*es*tie's Armie ag*ains*t the Parliam*ent* and State, and the Towne, contrary to the good of the Towne, his oath and fidelitye: hee appeared, and it was published to hym, and [hee] confessed that the kinge putt hym into office. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

XCVI.—*Extract from the Presentments at the Sessions.*

Circa 14 April, 1647.

[4]To the right worshipp*full* M*aiste*r Major, M*aiste*r Recorder, and the rest of the Aldermen of the Towne of Nott*ingham*;

The petition of diuers of the Burgesses of the Towne of Not-t*ingham* whose names are here subscribed

Sheweth

That, whereas yo*ur* petitio*ne*rs (by sad experience), haue obserued that by p*er*mitting soe many unnecessary Alehousses and Tipling houses Within this towne, the name of God is much dishonored, His day p*ro*faned, and his cretures abused, and . . . . p*er*mitting soe many strangers within . . . . mault and Tiple, yo*ur* Burgesses and free[men] . . . . [muc]h oppressed, and disenabled . . . . for pre-uention of these inconveniencyes, wee humbly desire yo*ur* woor-shipps to suppresse the vnnecessary number of Alehousses, and to suffer non to mault within this Corporac*i*on but such as are members of this body, and for w*hi*ch favoure yo*ur* petitio*ne*rs shall euer pray, etc. . . . . Baker. Thomas Huthwaite. Steephen Johnes.
Will. Beales. Robert Saxton. William Jackson.
. . . . Beardsley. Will. Sumner. Geo. Alseabrooke.[5] 83, ro. 24.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 645.

[2] In the market.

[3] Wilday, by a subsequent minute, was also declared unfit to keep an alehouse.

[4] The MS. is much mutilated.

[5] Other signatures follow, but they are much torn.

XCVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1647, Tuesday, April 28.

Maister Flamsteed.—This Company, M*aisters* Sheriffes and M*aisters* Chamberlins, doe all declare (*nullo contradic*ente[1]) that it is theire desires, and doe soe agree and order, that M*aister* Flamsteed shall continue in both the offices and places hee now executeth, w*hi*ch M*aister* Greaues and M*aister* Widdoson had, and not to bee displaced out of either w*i*thout consent of this company.

3421, fo. 61.

1647, Friday, May 28.

Highway.—It is ordered that eu*ery* whole man, according to the watch, shall send by the Constable of the disnarye 4d. for the comon worke, or A sufficient man to worke, or else to bee distrained for 6d. by the said Constable forthwith, and so eu*ery* halfe man after that rate; and eu*ery* man that hath A draught either to appeare vpon somons to worke at the comon day works w*i*th theire draughts, and to worke, or else to pay for eu*ery* defalt 4s. p*er* day, to bee p*re*santly distrained by the Constable of the disnarye.

[2] *Wood felled.*—It is ordered, Wood shall bee feled in the copies for the buildinge of lofts[3] in Marie's and Peeter's church, to bee sett out by M*aister* Maior, 2 Aldermen, bridgm*aisters*, and Chamberlins and Churchwardens, according to former order, and yf any odd wood bee, then the same to bee imploide for the Towne.

Bellman and Beadle.—Resolued that the Bellman, Will*iam* Hall, and Beadle of beggers, Will*ia*m James, shall not hereafter in any yeare haue any Coates at the Towne's charge. *Ib.*, fo. 63.

1647, June 9.

*Not to trade vnles Burg*esses.—It is agreed *ya*t M*aister* Burrowes and M*aister* Pywell shalbee restrained from Tradeinge in the Towne, beeinge noe burgesses, and soe others in theire condic*i*on; and M*aister* Maior and his breethren to see it doone accordingly, w*i*th some of this company. *Ib.*, fo. 64.

1647, June 14.

Stanley.—Vpon Thom*as* Stanlye's petic*i*on, it is ordered that the Towne shall haue noe waites, nor the petic*i*oner any mony to leaue the Towne.

[1] *Translation:* 'no one contradicting.' [2] Noticed in Bailey under year 1646, vol. ii., p. 767.
[3] Bailey adds 'or galleries.'

Randevous.—This company mett concerninge the Randevous the Soldiers appointed on the Longe Rowe on Thursday next, but nothinge resolued, but euery one to doe his endeuor to perswade them to peace, if any outragious act should bee, and the company are desirous to defend and iustify Maister Maior,[1] as Maior, soe farr as may or can bee.

1647, June 28.

Saint Ann Well.—It is ordered yat Saint Ann Well shall not bee disposed of hereafter without consent of Maister Maior, ye Aldermen and Councell, and not by the Maior for ye tyme beeinge onely; as formerly it hath beene.

Soldiers' mony.—Colonell Thornehagh and Colonell George Hutchinson sendinge theire letter hither to raise mony for ye soldiers, some Aldermen beeinge absent, and many of the company, the Maior, Aldermen and Councell present desire tyme to consider of it.

Ib., fo. 65.

1647, July 21.

[2]Ordered that the Middleturne's ordinary shall hereafter bee but viijd. A peece.

T. Widoson.—Whereas it appeares that Thomas Widoson, the Maior's Sergeant, contrary to his dewty and trust, did (after Maister Maior, by consent of the Councell, hadd dischardged Maister Pywell[3] from tradeinge openly in the Towne), encorage the said Maister Pywell to open his shopp windowes, sayinge that if hee did not, hee would not lose his fees, and had taken of hym sometymes xijd., and sometymes ijs. vjd. A tyme; for which fraudulent dealinge, it is voted that hee is vnfitt for his place hereafter.[4] *Ib.*, fo. 67.

1647, August 13.

Forainers.[5]—Ordered that Maister Recorder bee spoaken to and advised with, to giue direccions what to bee done against Maister Pywell and others, yat are foreinors,[5] and refuse to giue over tradeinge.

Gownes.—Ordered, that at and after the next assises, the Maior and Aldermen to waire theire gownes, and alsoe the Cleatheing (but

[1] John James.

[2] See Bailey, vol. ii., p. 766, year 1646, where a minute is quoted, of a long subsequent date, as to the Mickletorn dinner. See also Council Minutes, November 1st, 1659.

[3] Not being a burgess.

[4] On the same day, Mr. Millington was ordered to have £10 sent him, at his request, and the way at Cow Lane end was to be 'made good' with tops of trees.

[5] *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

Nott the 6 Comoners), theire black gownes at all Assises, Sessions, Mich*aelm*as daies, Saboth daies, faires, p*ro*claimeinges of ye Maior, Walkeinges of the m*ar*kett, and other tymes when M*aister* Maior vpon other extraordinary occations shall appoint; vpon paine of forfeiteinge of iijs. iiijd. A peece for eu*ery* defalt, to ye vse of the poore of the p*ar*ish where ye offender liueth, and to bee leuied by the comon sergeant by way of distres and sale of ye s*ai*d p*ar*ties goods.

[1] *Watch.*—Agreed, Watch to bee sett at the bridge, and 2 men to watch y*a*t are knowinge men of the Cuntry, for feare of the sicknes, and care to be had at Wilford boate. *Ib.*, fo. 72.

August 27, 1647.

De Sickness.[2]—Ordered, swine, doggs and catts to bee kept vp for feare of the sicknes, and the doggs and Catts on the backside neere Reeue's house to bee killed, and some appointed to see to it, and the Constables to giue warninge hereof. xijd. A peece to bee paid for pinshipp of eu*ery* swine found abroad after p*ro*clam*acion* [here]of.

Ordered, Wood to bee p*ro*vided and hutts or bothes[3] to bee made ready, to putt suspected p*er*sons of the sicknes into, when occation is. M*aister* Drewry, M*aister* Fillingha*m*, and M*aister* *Camerarius*[4] Smyth are desired to see it doone in convenient places, and in convenient tyme. *Ib.*, fo. 74.

1647, September 10.

Forainers.[5]—Ordered that all the Constables to bringe A note to theire Aldermen of all foraigners come into town w*i*thin 4 yeares last, that A course may bee taken [to] remoue such as are poore and likely to bee chargable, and such as hinder the burgesses by tradeinge.

Visited people.—M*aister* Ald*erman* Drewrye, M*aister* Tomlyn and M*aister* Chamberlin Smyth are desired to see to the buildinge of houses conveniently for visited people. *Ib.*, fo. 76.

1647, September 17.

Diner.—Ordered the diner to bee laid downe at the breakeinge of Eastcroft hereafter. *Ib.*, fo. 77.

[1] Noticed in Bailey under date 1645, vol. ii., p. 731.

[2] Summarized in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 769.

[3] Bothes = booths.

[4] Chamberlain.

[5] *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

XCVIII.—*Extract from the Will of Mary Wilson, of Nottingham.*

1647, September 24.

Item, I giue and bequeath vnto the said Jo*hn* Parker, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten, or to bee begotten, for eu*er*, one close called or knowne by the name of the Trough Close, lyeinge and beeing w*i*thin the p*re*cincts and lib*er*tyes of the Towne of Nott*ingham* aforesaid: Nevertheles, my will and mind is, that ye said Jo*hn* Parker and his heires shall yearely, out of the rente or p*ro*fitts of the said Close, p*ro*vide and bestowe xxxs. in Cloth to bee giuen to twoo poore and impotent people of the said p*ar*ish of S*ain*t Peeter's and S*ain*t Marie's in Nottingha*m*, to make them gownes or Coates at the natiuity of o*u*r Lord God yearely, the same to begin to bee p*ro*vided and bestoued, the next yeare after my decease, to the poore of S*ain*t Peeter's p*ar*ish, and the next yeare to twoo poore impotent people of S*ain*t Marie's p*ar*ish, and soe change eu*ery* yeare from the one p*ar*ish to the other p*ar*ish, and so to continue for eu*er*.

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XCIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1647, September 27.

Troope.—Ordered Captin Pallmer'[s] Troope to bee disposed of at Innes, as equally as may bee, for this night, and theire quarters to bee dischardged by the Towne. 3421, fo. 79.

1647, October 29.

*M*aister *Millington.*—*Maister* Millington, it is voted, shall haue tenne pownds p*re*sented to hym from the towne, and his man xxs.

Cooke.—Ordered, Will*ia*m Bringhurst to bee and continue the Maior's Cooke dureing his[1] life, and to haue ls. p*er* an*num* wages onely, and to doe the Maior service so often as hee needeth.

3422, fo. 31.

C.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1647-8.

Presentes and rewards.

	li.	s.	d.
Item, for wine when the Commisioners came out of Scotland, and for wine and beare when Collonell Rositer was in the towne	00	10	10

[1] 'his' repeated, MS.

	li.	s.	d.
*Ite*m, for win sent to Collonell Rositer	00	16	02
*Ite*m, to Lefetenant Generall Cromwell's Trumpters. .	00	10	00

1650, fo. 3.

CI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1647-8, January 10.

William Baker's Accompt p*ro* visited people.

	li.	s.	d.
Receipts	27	13	9
Disbursements.	24	02	1
Remaineth in his hands . . .	03	11	8

quos solvit hic ad aulam, et sic exoneratur.[1]

This company gaue hym the odd 11s. 8d. for his extraordinary paines over and aboue his vsuall[2] weekely pay allowed in his accompts; the other 3 li. went towards paym*en*t of M*aister* Cornish, for quarteringe of souldiers, the mony falling short collected for that purpose.

3422, fo. 35.

1648, March 28.

Burgess parts.—It is ordered that noe p*er*son that hath, or shall haue, any burges p*ar*te, shall at any tyme hereafter passe away the same, w*i*thout consent of M*aister* Maior and the Councell, vnto any p*er*son whatsouer, vnles it bee for three yeares onelye and noe more by reason of ye inconvenience y*a*t falls vpon the same by ill husbands sellinge theire p*ar*ts from theire wiues and childrenn, w*hi*ch was intended for theire good. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

1648, May 20.

Burgesses.—Agreed, the Alehouse-Keepers that are not yet burgesses shall not bee made burgesses. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1648, June 7.

[3]The Com*m*itee for ye County of Nott*ingham* appointed by the ordinance of ye Lords and Comons assembled in Parliament of ye 23 of May, 1648, for the setlinge the Militia in the northerne Counties, haueinge mooued the Maior, Ald*ermen* and Councell of this Towne of Nott*ingham* to putt ye Inhabitants of this Towne of Nott*ingham*

[1] *Translation:* 'which he pays here at the hall, and so is discharged.'

[2] vsuall,] 'vsually,' MS.

[3] This minute is written on a fly-leaf inserted in the Council book between pages 14 and 17. It is a very rough draft, with many interlineations and cancelled passages, and by no means easy to decipher.

into A posterne[1] of defence, and to recomend to this Comitee, Comanders and officers for onely the safety and defence of the s*ai*d Towne and Castle of Nott*ingham*, and not for any other or further service without theire owne consents, The said Maior, Aldermen, and Councell haue therevpon acordingly agreed soe to doe, and haue recomended to this Comittee, Comanders and officers for y*a*t purpose, all w*hic*h the said Comittee haue and doe hereby confirme and approue, and doe also hereby p*ro*mise and vndertake that they, ye said Inhabitants of the said Towne soe putt, or to bee putt, into A posterne[1] of defence, or any of them, w*i*thout theire owne consents shall not anywaies bee required or comanded to or for any further or other service then[2] in and for the safety and defence of the said towne and Castle, ag*ain*st the comon enemie, and shall haue[3] theire direcc*i*ons and comands vpon all occas*i*on[s][4] onely from and by theire sup*er*iour officers by them recomended, And also y*a*t ye s*ai*d Inhabitants shall alsoe haue all fittinge and convenient assistance, Armes, Amunic*i*on, and other Accomodac*i*ons for theire safety and defence, And if in case they or any of them shalbee anywaies Coman[d]ed to any further or other service then[5] in and for the defence and safety of ye said Towne and Castle, without theire one[6] consents, then theire and eu*er*y of theire Comissions to them by vs in this behalfe made or granted, to bee void, and all the said inhabitants to bee free and at lib*er*ty as if there had beene noe such Comissions vndertaken. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1648, July 4.

Lenton Tole.—Voted, Tole not to bee taken in Lenton, because Ald*erman* Gregory hath dischardged the sheriffs but to take it.

Ib., fo. 49.

1648, Monday, August 14: Vigil of the Assumption of Mary.

M*aister* Flamsteed[7] is desired henceforth to direct the quarteringe of soldiers by and according as the companies order, and to haue 3s. 4d. for eu*ery* hundred hee quarters, and to bee freed from quarteringe. *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1648, October 27.

*Incroachm*ent*s.*—Agreed, Incroachm*en*ts to bee p*ro*ceeded ag*ain*st, by way of p*re*sentment.

[1] So in MS.: apparently for 'position,' or 'posture.'

[2] 'then' = than.

[3] 'saue,' MS., for haue = have.

[4] occasions,] 'occa*ca*con,' MS.

[5] 'then' = than.

[6] 'one' = own.

[7] The Mayor's Clerk.

Forainers'[1] *shopps.*—Agreed, M*aister* Maior to shutt vpp forainers' shopp windowes y*a*t trade in the Towne, and to bee managed and borne out in soe doeinge by and at the Towne's charge. 3423, fo. 30.

1648, November 1.

*M*aister *Pierepont.*[2]—M*aister* Pierepont[3] to bee p*re*sented w*i*th A quarter of beefe or A veale, as M*aister* Maior shall direct, and A rundlett of sack befoore hee goe vpp. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1648, December 8.

Toll house.—Ordered, when the wether is seasonable, the Centry house at Hockly to bee remooued by the Chamberlins to the Chappell barr, for A house for the sheriffes' sergeants to take tole in, and when it is remooued, then to bee rented.

*Monthe's Assess*ement.[4]—Ordered, the Towne to pay the monethe's assessem*en*t for releefe of the seege ag*ains*t Pontefract out of ye Townes Stock, Leifeten*an*t-gen*er*all Crumwell haueing mooued for it. *Ib.*, fo. 33.

Quartermaister.—M*aister* Flamsteed this day did giue vpp his Accompt for quartering, and the Company order hee shalbee paid at iijs. iiijd. the hundred for the tyme past, and hee at his earnest request is dischardged for the tyme to come;

And the Company haue voted and agreed that M*aister* Sully and M*aister* Cooke (for M*aister* Maior's assistance), shalbee Quartermaisters for ye tyme to come, and shall haue the same allowance and pay that M*aister* Flamsteed hadd. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1648, December 15.

Quarters.—It is Agreed that the way and course for raiseinge mony through ye towne by rates bee p*ro*ceed[ed] in, and is approued and liked of, accordinge to the diuisions and warrants for to dischardge soldiers' quarters y*a*t come by small p*ar*ties. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

CII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1648-9.

Necessarie Expenses.

	li.	s.	d.
*Inpr*imis, p*ai*d for Ringinge the Bells for M*aister* Maior .	00	02	06
*It*em, p*ai*d for mendinge the Towne's markes . . .	00	0j	06

[1] *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

[2] Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 771.

[3] Bailey adds, 'one of the members,' and italicises the articles to be presented.

[4] Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 771.

	li.	s.	d.
Item, p*ai*d for Tilinge the Towne's Hall	00	07	08
Item, p*ai*d Will*ia*m Goadby, for a matt for the Towne's Hall	00	04	00

1651, p. 3.

	li.	s.	d.
*Ite*m, p*ai*d a Bill to Mr. Maior to passe Soldiers through the Towne	00	03	04
*Ite*m, p*ai*d William Smalley for buildinge the Toll-house at Chappell Barre	02	00	06
*Ite*m, p*ai*d for a thousand and 8 hundred and odd Brickes for the same Toll house	oj	06	jo
Item, p*ai*d for a locke and a dore for the same house	00	02	08

Ib., p. 4.

	li.	s.	d.
*Impr*imis, p*ai*d William Paramore for whipping a Rogue	00	oj	00
*Ite*m, p*ai*d George Cooke for mendinge ye towne's Mace	00	02	00

Ib., p. 6.

Expences of the soldiery quartered in the towne.

	li.	s.	d.
*Ite*m, p*ai*d to Capt*ain* Champion for 6 weekes' pay to the Soldiers att Pontefract, the summe of	17	11	09
Item, p*ai*d for 2 Gallons of Sacke and 2 of Clarad by M*aiste*r Major's appointm*ent*	00	16	09
*Ite*m, p*ai*d for 4 quarts and one pinte of wyne by M*aiste*r Major's Appointm*ent*	00	05	05
*Ite*m, p*ai*d for 2 bottles of Wyne sent to Rich*ard* James to M*aiste*r Major, Coll*onell* Pierrepoint and com*m*anders there	00	07	00
Item, paid for wyne and Suger sent to Generall Cromwell and his officers by M*aiste*r Major and the Aldermen's appointm*ent*	01	06	06
Item, p*ai*d M*aiste*r Flamsteed for quartringe Soldiers, the number by his Accompt 3000, Nyne hundred and 7, and hee was ordered by the Major and Councell 3s. 4d. the hundred	05	03	04
Item, p*ai*d Godfrey Ellott's wife for tentinge Sicke Soldiers, and meate and drinke, by M*aiste*r Major's Appointment	00	10	00
*Ite*m, p*ai*d for 18 pound of Tobacco, and 18 pound of Candles, for the Soldiers, by order of M*aiste*r Major	oj	13	00
*Ite*m, p*ai*d for hay att the 'Bullhead' for soldiers	00	02	06

	li. s. d.
*It*em, paid Quarter M*aiste*r Harrison, by M*aiste*r Major's Command, for a journey to London . . .	05 00 00

Ib., p. 15.

More Expences of the soldiery.

*Inpr*imis, p*ai*d for Remoovinge the Artillery out of the markett place into the Castle, that theie Guard might bee remooved out of the Shambles, that the Butchers might come to their Shopps . . .	01 10 00
Item, p*ai*d a messenger to fetch in the Comm*itt*ee, to speake to Generall Cromwell in the night time .	00 04 06
Item, for a skepp	00 00 08
Item, paid Thomas Loe for fetchinge horses backe that Sicke Soldiers rid on	00 06 00

Ib., p. 16.

CIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1648-9, February 14.

Coppice.—M*aister* Cooper to tamper[1] and deale w*i*th M*aister* Jackson priuately, and not as from the house, how hee wold deale about it to suffer the Towne to gett coale. 3423, fo. 44.

This Company mett this day to agree on some course to sett the poore on worke, And they are agreed thus:

On the Towne's p*ar*te:

1. To lend Will*ia*m James xx. li. on his owne security, payable at quarter's end.

2. To buy 12 wheeles.

3. To allow hym xxijs. vjd. A quarter from this day.

On Will*ia*m James' p*ar*te:

1. To sett the poore on worke w*i*th spininge of linen and wollen cardinge weake[2] pullinge out of Candleweake.

For all such poore as are able to worke, and want worke,

2. Hee is to allow them theis rates followeinge, and to referr hym selfe to ye Maior and this Company to order the rates if, on compl*ain*t, they see cause:

The Rates.

6d. *per* pound for cardinge and spinninge finest wool.

5d. *per* pound for ye second sort.

[1] *i.e.*, to deal with secretly, to bring to terms. Not used in a bad sense.

[2] 'weake' = wick. Spelt *weeke* in Spenser's *Faerie Queene*.

4d. ob.[1] p*er* pound for ye third sorte.

1d. per ley[2] for ye onely spining all sorts of linen, the reele beeing 4 yards.

ob.[1] p*er* pound for carding candleweake.

1d. p*er* pound for pulling midling[3] out of it.

jd. p*er* pound for spining candleweake.

and not to sett any on worke till sum*m*er: *vide*[4] ye note.

This agreem*en*t to continue from quarter to quart*er*, so long as ye company agree: M*aister* Alsebrooke, vpon causes of compl*ain*t, to consider ye compl*ain*ts, and see into ye busines and c*er*tify, etc.

Ib., fo. 45.

1648-9, February 21.

Harrison.—This company are content, at Col*onell* Pierepont's request, y*a*t Cornett Harrison should haue liberty to vse ye Trade of an Imbrawderer, p*ro*uided hee bee not made burges, nor vse any other trade then that, nor vse that trade to ye p*re*iudice of burgesses, in ye Judgm*en*t of this company.

*Well at Chapp*ell *Barr.*—Thom*as* Whittington is desired to see to ye well at Chappell barr, y*a*t it bee not spoiled by the bullworks, and to secure ye wood, and ye way to bee considered of there.

Ib., fo. 47.

1649, April 6.

*Burges p*art*es.*—It is ordered and agreed this day by this company, *nullo contradicente*,[5] that all burgesse partes whatsoeuer, hereafter to bee allotted, shalbee made, as neere as can, to bee worth xxs. *per annum* to the burges to whom it shalbee alloted, and not to exceed that rate.

Poore.—It is agreed, all Landlords y*a*t receiue in chargable poore, to bee delt with, or assessed to maintain them, accordinge to lawe.

Cow barr.—[6] It is agreed the Cow lane barr bee taken downe, and the stone and other materialls to bee imployed or secured by the Chamberlins, or bridgmaisters, as occas*i*on shalbee. *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1649, May 14.

Trees.—6 little trees and 4 greate ones to bee sett out for the bridges for sumer trees,[7] to bee sett out and felled for ye vse of the

[1] ob. = obolus, halfpenny.

[2] a skein.

[3] 'midling,' the coarser part.

[4] *Translation*: 'see.'

[5] *Translation*: no one gainsaying.

[6] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 779. See also Council Minutes, March 9, 1647.

[7] *i.e.*, props.

bridges; to bee sett out by Ma*ister* Maior, the Cham*berlins* and bridgmaisters, and Ald*erman* Drury.

Paintice.[1]—The paintice at the Shambles to bee pulled downe and imploied for ye vse of ye Towne; agreed on after ye bookes[2] putt vpp.[3] *Ib.*, fo. 55.

1649, June 1.

*W*illia*m White.*—W*illia*m White haueinge ou*er*shott hymselfe in words ag*ainst* Ald*erman* James, before this company, by taxing hym w*he*n hee spoake, sayeinge, 'Lett hym speake that shoud speake,' and sayeinge 'he neuer did his neighbors any good;' the said W*illia*m before the company confessed his fault, and desired M*aister* Ald*erman* to passe it by, and p*ro*mised to bee more carefull for the tyme to come, and M*aister* Alderman was content to passe it by.

Ib., fo. 57.

1649, July 4.

*Quart*er*m*aister.—Agreed, M*aister* Maior to haue A quarterm*aister* if neede bee, and to pay hym. *Ib.*, fo. 59.

CIV.—*Extracts from Presentments at the Sessions.*

1649, July 7.

Articles exhibited against Richard James by Thomas Parker, taken before Will*ia*m Richards, Maior of the towne of Nottingham, and Thomas Gamble, Ald*erman.*

Thomas Parker maketh oath that hee this depone*n*t and the s*ai*d Richard James, speakinge with Bayliffe Browne of two trees that hee had p*ro*mised to send for the vse of Nott*ingham* Bridges, and for w*hi*ch M*aiste*r Ald*erman* James had sent to him, the said Richard James did say of the said M*aiste*r Ald*erman* James, that hee was A knaue and A foole for medleinge soe much in it.

1649, July 14.

Articles exhibited the 14 July, 1649, by George Tollett against Richard James, taken before W*illia*m Richards, Maior, and Will*ia*m Gregory, Ald*erman.*

George Tollett comeinge into the house of Richard James of

[1] Paintice = penthouse.

[2] The Council book, etc. The minute is at the foot, and is written in a more minute hand; the ink, also, is paler.

[3] On the same day Major John Chadwick, 'not burgess born,' was made burgess, free of charge.

Nottingh*am*, the said Richard James takeinge occasion to speake w*it*h Bayliffe Browne concerninge A tree that was taken vp by Bayliffe Browne, or by his assignes at Shelford, that did belonge to Nottingh*am* Bridges, the s*ai*d Richard James said of Ald*erman* James that hee was A knaue and A foole for medleinge with that w*hi*ch did not concerne him.[1] 84, ro. 28.

CV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1649, Wednesday, August 15.

Poore burgesses.—Agreed, all the burgesses and widdowes y*a*t were to bee releeued out of the tith hay to haue theire allowances increased to 7s. A peece, and as any dye, none to bee added in theire roome into the Schoole rent. 3423, fo. 65.

1649, August 27.

Atkinson.—This Company doe not thinck fitt to graunt Nich*ol*as Atkinson['s] request in his petic*i*on to build A house vpon any Wast or Towne's ground, because hee is noe burgesse. *Ib.*, fo. 67.

1649, September 24.

Burges partes.—Resolued vpon the question, that Eastcroft and Westcroft shalbee allotted into Burges partes, and to such Burgesses and in such manner as this company shall agree.

*Mich*aelm*as sermon.*—It is agreed y*a*t M*aister* Boole preach ye sermon on Mich*aelmas* day this yeare, and haue xxs., and ye Minister of ye other p*ar*ish p*rea*ch ye next yeare, and haue ye like allowance, and soe to keepe theire tournes; M*aister* Whitchurch p*rea*ched the last yeare. *Ib.*, fo. 69.

1649, November 7.

Mace.—Agreed, the order for reformeing the mace to bee considered of, and to inquire what other Corporac*i*ons doe in that case, and alsoe to inquire of the Burges of the Parliam*en*t what the Parliam*en*t expects in that case.

Lenton faire.[2]—Agreed, if Ald*erman* Gregory trouble any burgesses for not goeing downe to Lenton feare, or for keepeing open shopps here in Towne, that the Towne at y^r[3] chardg will defend them, according to form*er* order, and for the reasons therein. 10 No*vember*, 1646.

[1] The result does not appear.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 766. See also Council Minutes, Nov. 10, 1646.

[3] y^r = their.

1649, December 13.

Vsher.—It is agreed 5 marckes[1] *per annum* to bee added to the vsher's fee, if hee approoued on; so in all xx. marckes *per annum*.

3424, fo. 27.

1649-50, January 3.

Westcrofte.—It is resolued, graunted and agreed by this Company, that Westcroft shalbee allotted and diuided into 16 burges parts to 16 of the next burgesses that are to bee serued in the Judgment of this Company, vpon theis tearmes, and vpon theis Condicions:—

1. That they shall pay xls. rent *per annum* A peece for ye same, on ye 17th day of June *per annum*, yearelye.

2. That they shall pay all assessments and taxes for ye same, and dischardge the Towne thereof.

3. That all the burgesses shall haue free liberty and profitte of pasturage, feedeinge or comon there, as formerly they haue had there by the Custom in that case.

4. That none of ye said 16 tennants shall lett, sett, dispose or parte with any of ye said parts to any but to A sufficient burgesse, and to noe burges, nor any other, for aboue 3 yeares, without licence of the company.

5. That the pinder's fee continue as it is till further order.

6. That if the 16 burgesses to whom the said parts shalbee allotted (the same beeing diuided into 16 parts as equally as may bee), shall cast lotts for ye same, if they cannott otherwaies agree[2] of it.

7. The Towne to fence it on outside, and drain it, and to allow ye poore yat had partts there, as they did, the same allowance they had.[3]

And if any differences arise about the premisses, the same to bee referred to this company, and they to determine it. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

Eastcroft.—It is alsoe agreed, graunted and resolued that Eastcroft (All but the pinder's fee, [the] Hooke, and the flaggy peece), shalbee diuided into thirty burges partes, to bee allotted to thirty of the next burgesses that are to bee serued in the Judgment of this Company, vpon theis tearmes and condicions:—

1. That euery of the said xxxty burgesses to pay xxvjs. viijd. rent *per annum* on ye 17th of June yearely.

[1] mark = 13s. 4d.

[2] Agree,] 'agree*d*,' MS.

[3] Here follow the names of the sixteen burgesses to whom the parts were allotted.

2. That they shall pay all assessm*en*ts and taxes, and dischardge the Towne thereof, for ye whole yeare, yearely.

3. That they shall mowe theyre hay within A weeke after Westcroft bee mowed yearely, according to ye Custome, or within A weeke of Midsomer if it bee eaten, or to eate it A week after.

4. That the latter Edige or grasse bee p*re*serued and laid according to the Custome, and the Towne and the burgesses to haue the disposeinge, benefitt and p*ro*fitt thereof, according to the Custome.

5. That the Towne doe draine and fence that, at ye Towne's charge, and allowe ye poore y*a*t hadd allowance and p*ar*ts there ye same allowance that they hadd.

6. The pinder's fee to continue as it is.

The said parts to bee as equally diuided as may bee amongst them.

7. That the said parts shall none of them bee lett, sett, nor disposed of for aboue 3 yeares, nor to any but A burges, w*i*thout licence of this Company.

If any difference arise about diuideinge or otherwaies, the Company to determine it.

Hooke.—8. The Hooke to bee diuided into twoo parts for twoo of ye next burgesses, at xxs. *per annum* A peece, to bee paid at ye same day, and vpon such Condic*i*ons and tearmes as abouesaid.

9. The flaggy peece, beeing burges p*ar*ts form*er*ly, and not Chamberlines, to continue to the same burgesses y*a*t are liueinge that held them, at ye old rent onely.

Widdow Beeby, y*a*t is dead, her p*ar*t to be allotted to the next burgesse at xs. *per annum* at ye same day.[1] 3424, fo. 30.

1649-50, Thursday, January 10.

Coales.—Agreed, that M*aisters* Chamberlins, w*i*th ye assistance of M*aister* Fillingham [and] M*aister* Hawkeings, shall conferr w*i*th men of Judgme*n*t, and such as they like of, and vse indevors and meanes to discover whether or noe there bee any Coles in the Copies, and to bee allowed for yr[2] paines and charges therein. *Ib.*, fo. 32.

1649-50, February 27.

*Engageme*n*t.*[3]—The act for ye Ingageme*n*t, and letters and resolues were read this day, and tendered to the Company, and the

[1] Here follow the names of the 30 burgesses for Eastcroft.

[2] yr = their.

[3] An Act was passed requiring all men above eighteen years old to enter into an 'Engagement' to support the Commonwealth. See Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 804-5.



company desire tyme to consider of it; onely M*aister* Huthwett subscribed now. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

1650, Monday, April 1.

Fee farme.—This Company thincke fitt to buy the fee farme rent accordinge to ye act, and other p*ar*ticuler rents that are issueinge out of any of ye Towne's houses.

*M*aister *Drewry and M*aister *Flamsteed to London.*—It is agreed, M*aister* Ald*erman* Drewry and M*aister* Flamsteed to goe to London about it, and the Augmentac*i*ons and other busines of ye Towne's, and ye Towne to beare theire charges. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1650, May 7.

Coales.—It is agreed y*at* ye[1] *par*ties imploied by ye Towne p*ro*ceed further to try for coales by sincking A new pitt, and otherwaies as shalbee fitt. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

1650, May 21.

De Soldiers.—This Company consent y*at* M*aister* Ald*erman* Drewry to treate w*i*th ye Comissioners for to bring the rate of the soldiers for the Towne as lowe as may bee, and that the company may then p*ro*porc*i*on them on the Towne. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

1650, June 5.

First Moity.—It is ordered that M*aisters* Chamberlins, the Bridgmaisters and Schoolewardens doe pay what mony they haue in theire hands, to p*re*pare for payment of the first paym*en*t for ye moity of ye Fee farme, beeinge 288 li. 07s. 7 ob.,[2] and the Chamberlins to see it sent vpp by Ald*erman* Cooke next Jorny, and M*aister* Moreclock to bee sent to, to see it paid. *Ib.*, fo. 44.

1650, Tuesday, June 25.

Phipps.—Ordered, Calib Phipps to pull downe the latts[3] of his portch hee hath begunn on Smythy Rowe, or else A course to bee taken therein, and ye stoopes[4] to stand till Midleturne goe, and then they to order how it shalbee. *Ib.*, fo. 45.

Averill.—Agreed, Averill to pinn forainers'[5] goods that trespas in the meadowes, contrary to the custome, and to bee borne out. *Ib.*, fo. 46.

1 ye,] 'yt,' MS.
2 ob. = obolus, halfpenny.
3 latts = laths.
4 stoopes = posts.
5 Non-burgesses.

1650, July 12.

Maisters Sheriffes: Fee farme.—M*aisters* Sheriffes, at the instance of the Towne, haue this day paid in to the Chamb*er*lins, towards the second paym*en*t of the purchase of the fee-farme, the some of thirty-one pownds, eighteene shillings and an halfepenny, w*hi*ch is not due till Mich*aelm*as next, and the Towne are to dischardg them of it.

Ib., fo. 49.

CVI.—[1]*Grant by Alderman William Gregory of 52s. annually out of Premises in Barker Gate to be distributed in Bread to 12 poor people.*

1650, July 17.

THIS INDENTURE made the Seaventeenth day of July, in the yeare of our Lord God, accordeinge to the computat*i*on of the Church of England, One thousand sixe hundred and Fiftye, Betweene Will*ia*m Gregorie, of the Towne and County of the Towne of Nottingham, gent*leman*, one of the Aldermen of the same Towne, on the one parte, William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, second sonne of John Gregorie, of the Towne and Countye aforesaid, gent*leman*, Adam Jackson, of the same Towne and County aforesaid, gent*leman*, Stephen Garner, of the Towne and County of the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, Apothecarie, and Robert Miller, of the Towne and Countye of the Towne of Nottingham, Tanner, on the other parte, WITTNESSETH that the said William Gregorie, for the better benifitt, releefe, and susteynance of the poore of the Parish of S*ain*t Marie, in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, hath given, graunted, and confirmed, And by theis pr*es*ents, for him and his heires, Doth give, graunt, and confirme, vnto the said Will*ia*m Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillip Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner, and Roberte Miller, their heyres and assignes, for ever, The yearely rent or some of Fifty[2] and two shillings of lawfull moneyes of England yearely issueinge and goeing oute of Foure Messuages or tene*men*tes sett, scituate[3] and beinge in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, in a Streete or place there, called or knowne by the name of 'Barker gate,' in the Parish of S*ain*t Marie in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, and nowe or late in the seuerall tenures or occupac*i*ons of William Crofts, Thomas Dafte, William Clifton, and John Lawrence, or some or one of them, their or some or one of their

[1] From a copy on paper. [2] Fifty,] 'Fity,' MS. [3] So MS.

assigne or assignes, To haue, hould, receaue, perceave,[1] and enjoye the said yearely rent of Fiftye and twoe shillings to the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner, and Robert Miller, their heires and assignes for ever, att the Feast of S*ain*t Michaell the Archangell, the feast of S*ain*t Thomas the appostle, the Feast of the Annunc*ia*t*io*n of the blessed Virgin Marye, and the feast of S*ain*t John the Baptist, by even and equall port*io*ns, the first paym*en*t thereof to beginne att or vppon the feast of S*ain*t Michaell the Archangell next ensueinge the date hereof, In especiall trust and confidence, and to the intent and purpose that the said some of Fiftye and two shililngs shalbe from tyme[2] to tyme for ever hereafter respectiuely paid, att the feasts before menc*io*ned, vnto and receaued by the Churchward*en*s and overseers of the poore of the said Parish of S*ain*t Marie for the tyme beinge, and Twelvepence thereof everie weeke from tyme to tyme for ever hereafter, to bee bestowed in bread, and weekely vpon euery Saboth Day in the yeare for ever hereafter respectiuely, given and Distributed by the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said Parish for the tyme beinge, to Twelue poore, old, and impotent persons of the said Parish, to bee named and appointed from tyme to tyme for euer hereafter by the pr*e*sent owner or owners of the Inheritance[3] of the said Four Messuages or Tenem*en*ts, and the Churchwardens and overseers of the said poore of the said Parish for the tyme beinge respectiuely, of which said yearely rent of Fiftye and two shillings, to the vses, intents and purposes aforesaid, the said William Gregorie hath put the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillippe Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner and Robert Miller, and their heires in full possession and Seisin, by the Deliu*er*ye of Sixe pence of lawfull moneyes of England, parcell of the said rent, vnto the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner and Robert Miller, att the sealinge and Deliu*er*ye of theis pr*e*sents, And the said William Gregorie, for himselfe and his heires, Doth graunte and agree to and with the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner, and Robert Miller, and euery of them, theire and eu*er*ye of theire heires and assignes respectiuely, by theis pr*e*sents, That if it shall happen the said yearely rent of Fiftye and twoe Shillings, or any parte thereof,

1 'perceave,' to take. From Lat. *percipio*, I take.

2 tyme,] 'tymes,' MS.

3 Inheritance,] 'Iheritance,' MS.

to bee behind and vnpaid by the space of Tenne Dayes next after any of the said feasts or Dayes, att or vpon which the same ought to bee paid as aforesaid, that then and from thenceforth it shall and may bee lawfull to and for the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner and Robert Miller, and euerie or any of them, theire and euerie or any of their heires and assignes, and euerie or any of them, into the said Foure Messuages or Tenem*en*ts and pr*e*misses aforesaid and eu*er*ye or any parte thereof to enter and Distreyne, and the Distresse and Distresses there found to take, leade, Drive, carrie awaye, and impound, and the same in pounde to Deteyne and keepe vntill the said yearelye rent of Fiftye and twoe shillings and the arrerages thereof, if any shall be Due, shall bee fullye satisfied and paid.

IN WITNES WHEREOF, the parties first aboue named to theis pr*e*sent Indentures haue herevnto interchangablye putt their hands and Seales the Day and yeare first aboue written.

Sealed and deliu*er*ed in the p*re*sence of
Steven Wilcock.
Raph Shaw.
Robt. Hough.
Mary × Higgins, her m*ar*ke.
John × Sympson his m*ar*ke.

*Memorand*um, that M*aister* John Gregor*ie* did, by his will, giue as much more to be paid as his father did out of the sam*e* houses.

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CVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1650, July 24.

*Quarterm*aister.—It is agreed and voted, that M*aister* Daniell Sully shall continue quartermaister for this Towne, and shall haue ijs. vjd. *p*er *Centu*m for all that hee hath quartered, and that hee shall haue ijs. vjd. *p*er *Centu*m alsoe for all that hee shall quarter.

It is also agreed that they that hadd great charges putt on them by the last Soldiers (about 60), that lay in the Towne on Saturday and Saboth day night last, shalbee sent for to ye officers to gett satisfacc*i*on, if they can, and the p*ar*ties to find out A messenger, or else some course to bee taken for an assessm*en*t for it, and the Constables to assesse it when ye some is knowne. *Ib.*, fo. 50.

CVIII.—*Conveyance of the Fee-Farm Rent payable to the Crown.*

1650, September 3.

THIS INDENTURE made the Third day of September, In the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred and Fifty.

BETWEENE Thomas Coke, William Bosevile, John Sparrow, William Kenricke, Raph Harrison, William Scott, Esq*uire*s, William Steele, Recorder of London, Silvanus Taylor, Thomas Hubbard, Cornelius Coke, Esq*uire*s, John Hunt, gent*leman*, S*i*r Edward Barkham, Barronet, S*i*r William Roberts, Knight, John Humphreyes, Thomas Ayres, John White, James Stockall, Esq*uire*s, Edward Cressett, gent*leman*, S*i*r Richard Saltonstall, Kn*igh*t, Daniell Searle, Marchant, Nicholas Lampriere, Nicholas Bond, Richard Sydenham, and Robert Fenwick, Esq*uire*s, nominated in an Act of this p*rese*nte Parliament, intituled, 'An Act for selling the Fee-farme rents belonging to the Com*m*onwealth of England, formerly payable to the Crowne of England, Dutchie of Lancaster and Dutchie of Cornwall, or any five of them,' are by the said Act, and also by one other Act, intituled, 'An Act for further explanac*i*on of the former Act,' authorized to Contract, sell, and convey the said Fee-farme rents, and all Tenths or rents reserved, dry-rents, hundreds, liberties, Baylywicks, reservac*i*ons, Condic*i*ons, Franchises and Penc*i*ons, amongst other things menc*i*oned in the said severall Acts, (Excepting such Tenths and penc*i*ons as in the said severall Acts are excepted), which by the said Acts are vested and settled in the said Trustees and their heires in such sort as in the said severall Acts is menc*i*oned, of the one part, And the Maior and Burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham of the other part:

WITNESSETH, That the said Thomas Coke, William Bosevile, John Sparrow, William Kenrick, Raph Harrison, William Scott, William Steele, Silvanus Taylor, Thomas Hubbard, Cornelius Coke, John Hunt, S*i*r Edward Barkeham, S*i*r William Roberts, John Humphryes, Thomas Ayers, John White, James Stockall, Edward Cressett, S*i*r Richard Saltonstall, Daniell Searle, Nicholas Lampriere, Nicholas Bond, Richard Sydenham, and Robert Fenwick, the Trustees aforenamed, in pursuance of the said severall Acts, and by vertue and in execuc*i*on of the Powers and trusts thereby Committed to them, and in considerac*i*on of the sume of five hundred fourescore-foure pounds, one shilling and Three pence of good and lawfull money of

England, which Thomas Andrewes and John Dethick, Aldermen of the Cittie of London, Treasurers appoynted by the said severall Acts to receave the same by writings vnder their hands bearing date the xvij^th^ of June and xxvij^th^ of July last past, One thousand six hundred and Fifty, have certified to bee paid and satisfied by the said Mayor and Burgesses of the said Towne of Nottingham in such sort as by the said writings may appeare, HAVE GRAUNTED, bargained, sold, remised, released, and Confirmed, and by these p*rese*nts doe for them, their heires and assignes, gra*u*nt, bargaine, sell, remise, Release, and Confirme vnto the said Mayor and Burgesses of the said Towne of Nottingham and their Successors,

ALL that an*n*uall rent of Fifty foure pounds and Twelve shillings in mony, anciently being Fifty-two pounds blanck or white money, reserved, issueing, and payable out of and for the Farme of the Burrough or Towne of Nottingham in the County of the Towne of Nottingham, which in the Particular thereof, is menc*i*oned to have bene parcell of the possessions of the ancient Crowne of England, and to have bene gra*u*nted and confirmed by Charter of the late King Henry the third, bearing date the foure and twentyth day of February, in the foureteenth yeare of his raigne, Vnto the then Burgesses[1] of Nottingham and their heires, To be paid therefore by their hands at the King's Exchequer at two termes in the yeare, (That is to say), at the Clause of Easter, Twenty-six pounds blanck or white money, and *in Octabis Sancti Michaelis*,[2] the other Twenty-six pounds blanck or white money, And also all that rent of Encrease of eight pounds reserved, issueing, and payable out of and for the Farme of the Burrough or Towne of Nottingham in the County of the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, which was taken into the hands of Edward the first, heretofore king of England, for certayne Transgressions which the Burgesses and Com*m*onalty of the Towne aforesaid had made in the same, which said p*re*misses are menc*i*oned in the Particular to have bene parcell of the possessions of the Ancient Crowne of England, And to have bene gra*u*nted by Charter of the said King Edward the first, bearing date the Twelveth day of February in the Twelveth yeare of his raigne, to the said Burgesses and Com*m*onalty of Nottingham aforesaid, and their Successors, paying therefore yearely the said rent of Eight pounds; And also all

[1] Burgesses,] 'Burgessesses,' MS. [2] *Translation:* In the octaves of Saint Michael.



that rent of Encrease of Thirteene shillings and fourepence reserved, issuing, and payable out of and for the Fee farme of the Towne of Nottingham, and for divers Franchises and liberties, which said pr*e*misses are menc*i*oned in the particular thereof to have bene parcell of the possessions of the Ancient Crowne of England, and to have bene gra*u*nted and confirmed by Letters Pattents of Henry the Sixt, heretofore King of England, in the nyne and Twentyth yeare of his raigne, to the Mayor, Aldermen[1] and Burgesses of the Towne aforesaid, paying therefore yearely the said rent of Thirteene Shillings and foure pence; And also all that An*n*uall rent of Thirty-two shillings and six pence reserved, issuing, and payable as followeth (That is to say), out of the Revenues of many houses in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid the sume of Twenty-three Shillings and sixpence by the yeare, And out of the Tofts of the Coyners of money, with the increase thereof, the sume of nyne shillings by the yeare, payable by ye men of the Towne of Nottingham, As by the great Roll of the Exchequer of ye Seaventh yeare of John, once King of England, and ye An*n*uall Roll of the Exchequer may appeare, which togeather amount to the said rent of Thirty-two shillings and sixpence; and also all that Annuall rent of one penny reserved, issuing, and payable out of and for that Tenem*en*t in Nottingham which was the Tenement of Moses, of Snabur, the Jew, and out of that Tenem*en*t in the same towne which was lately the Tenem*en*t of Peytengnonce the Jew, of Nottingham, and Elias his Sonne, and out of the house which was the Schoole of the Jewes in the same Towne, which said last menc*i*oned pr*e*misses are menc*i*oned in the Particular thereof to have bene gra*u*nted by Edward the first, heretofore King of England, bearing date the Fift day of May, in the Twentyth yeare of his raigne, to Hugh Puterell, of Thurmenton, and his heires for ever, paying therefore yearely to the Exchequer, at Michaellmas, by the hands of the Baylieffe of Nottingham for the tyme being, the said yearely rent of one penny, as by the Particular thereof, certified to the said Trustees, vnder the hand of S*i*r Henry Crooke, Kn*igh*t, Clerke of the Pipe, the seaven and Twentyth day of Aprill, one thousand six hundred and fifty, according to the direcc*i*on of the said severall Acts, and remayning, with the Register, to the said Trustees, and as by the

[1] Aldermen,'] 'Men,' MS.

said letters Pattents themselves, relac*i*on being therevnto had, may more fully and at large appeare;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Annuall rent of Fifty-foure pounds, twelve shillings, being anciently fifty-two pounds blanck or White money, And the rent of Encrease of Eight pounds, and the rent of encrease of thirteene shillings foure pence, and the yearely rent of Thirty-two shillings and sixpence, and the yearely rent of one penny, and every of them, and every part and parcell of them, and every of them, reserved and payable as aforesaid, To the said Maior and Burgesses of the towne of Nottingham and their Successors, to the only vse and behoofe of the said Maior and Burgesses of the said Towne of Nottingham and their Successors for ever, as fully and amply as the said Trustees, or any of them, by the said severall Acts, or either of them, are enabled to Convey the same, and as Amply as by the severall Acts, or either of them, is enacted or p*ro*vided in that behalfe.

IN WITNES whereof the parties first above-named to these p*rese*nte Indentures Interchangeably have sett their hands and Seales the day and yeare first above written.[1] 4680.

CIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1650, September 6.

Coales.[2]—Resolued by this company, in resp*ect* of the force of ye water, and the greatnes of the charge in sinckinge, that the pitts bee sunck noe deep*er*; and that soe soone as may bee, they make triall by boareinge, whether coales or noe coales in ye Coppice.

3424, fo. 55.

1650, November 7.

Pitts.—[3]Agreed, ye pitts to bee covered: or else some to take ye wood for yr[4] labor to fill them vpp: and M*aister* Jackson and John Hewood first to haue notice hereof. 3425, fo. 29.

[1] The signatures and seals of Coke, Harrison, Humfrey, Sydenham, and Taylor are appended to this document, which is thus indorsed:—'Sealed and delivered in the p*re*sence of Tho. Wheatley: Clement Baker, Clerke attending the Trustees.' The Conveyance was ignored by Charles II., and the fee-farm rents throughout the kingdom were subsequently sold by him to private individuals. The Corporation of Nottingham actually continued to pay the rent to private persons till May 6, 1891, when a second and final Conveyance was effected.

[2] Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 797-8.

[3] Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 798.

[4] yr = their.

CX.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1650-1.

Presents and Rewards.

	li.	s.	d.
P*aid* for a sid of mutton, a side of veale, fiue quarts of sacke, sent to Collonell Peirpoynte by a order from M*aiste*r Maior	1	5	6
P*aid* M*aiste*r John Drewery, by a order from M*aiste*r Maior, for a mutton and a veale to present to Collonell Huchinson and Gouernor Poulton	1	18	6
P*aid* for wine att the same time	0	6	8

1652, fo. 3.

Necessary Expences.

	li.	s.	d.
P*aid* to M*aiste*r Maior, by his order, to pay M*aiste*r Mottlocke about the towne's fee farme	3	8	6

Ib., fo. 6.

	li.	s.	d.
P*aid*, by a order from M*aiste*r Maior, for wine drunke with Collonell Pride and others	0	6	0

Ib., fo. 7.

	li.	s.	d.
P*aid* to John Fishe, by a order from M*aiste*r Maior, for sicke and lame Souldiars	2	0	0
P*aid* to John Plattes, by a order from M*aiste*r Maior, for the passing away of 40 soldiars	0	10	0
P*aid* to John Plattes, by a order from M*aiste*r Maior, for sick and lame Soldiares	1	0	0
P*aid* to Ralfe Shawe, by a order from M*aiste*r Maior, for sicke and lame soldiars	0	5	0
P*aid* to Robert Ward, by a order from M*aiste*r Maior, for Candells and drinke for sick souldiars	0	6	5

Ib., fo. 8.

Necessary Reparacions.

	li.	s.	d.
P*aid* to Widdow Bennett for a Iron sweape[1] for the pompe att the Narrowe Marshe end, and a Milnestone their	0	2	0
P*aid* to Peeter Bradshaw for brick, lime, and workmanshipe for the well att the Narrowe Marshe end	0	3	0

Ib., fo. 14.

	li.	s.	d.
P*aid* to Robert Barnes for making a key for the prisson dore	0	1	0

[1] *i.e.*, handle.

Pa*id* to Richard Taske and Franckin for dressing the prisson Chimney, being sett one fyer 0 1 8

Ib., fo. 22.

CXI.—*Will of John Patten.*[1]

October 8, 1651.

Bee it Remembred, That on or about the Eight Daye of October, in the Yeare of o*ur* Lord 1651, John Patten, of the p*ar*ishe of S*ain*t Marie's, in Nottingham, Brickmaker, beinge weake in body, but of good and p*er*fecte remembrance,[2] haueinge an intent and meaninge to make his last will and Testam*en*t, Did nuncupatively,[3] or by word of mouth, vtter these words, or to the same effecte, following, viz[t]: 'My will and meaninge is, That George Arnall, Stephen Hill, of the same Towne and County aforesaid, Whom I repose trust in, doe see mee Decently brought to the graue, and haue the disposinge of that estate the Lord hath lent mee, as followeth: That it shalbee lawfull for them to receaue all the money that shalbe found Due to mee in my life-tyme, or after, vpon bond, bill, or any lawfull witnes, as they shall see occasion, and that the vse of the same be distributed to the poore of the p*ar*ishe of S*ain*t Marie's in Nottingham aforesaid, soe much as shall come to theire hands, att twoe severall feasts in the yeare, that is to saye, on S*ain*t Thoma*s* Daye next before Christmas, and on Fridaye next before Easter, for ever, by them or theire Successors. And[4] the rent of the howse that George Arnall doth hould by lease from mee, and one other that Stephen Hill doth hould by lease alsoe, shall be for the repaire of one little howse, now in the tenure of Ann Awtoft and Margerie Rooke, for there vse, soe longe as the said Ann Awtoft shall liue, and the said Margerie Rooke shall keepe her selfe vnmarried, and that those[5] goods that are in the howse may remaine for theire vse, and those that shall come after them, and whom soever the said George Arnall and Stephen Hill or theire Successors shall appointe, to bee an Almes house for ever; And if there shall spare[6] any of the said rent more then[7] will repaire the said howse, that it shalbe allowed to the said poore towards buyinge them Coles or other things necessarie

[1] From a copy on paper.

[2] remembrance,] 'reme*n*brance,' MS.

[3] 'nuncupatively' = verbally.

[4] 'for' unnecessarily inserted in MS.

[5] those,] 'th*r*ose,' MS.

[6] 'spare' = be to spare.

[7] 'more then' = more than.

for them and theire successors for ever.' And did appointe the said George Arnall and Stephen Hill to bee his executors.

In the presence and hearinge of Robert Shipman, Ann Awtofte, and Margerie Rooke, witnesses therevnto, allowed and required, and others; the marke of Margerie Rooke. 4682.

CXII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1651, Thursday, October 30.

Ministers.—This company are agreed and doe order that there shall hereafter bee tenn pownds A yeare paid to the Ministers of each parish[1] A peece, to witt, to each parish x. li. per annum, in all xx. li. per annum, to bee paid them quarterly by the Chamberlins, the first quarter to begin at Christmas next, the said payment to continue soe longe as the company thincks fitt. 3426, fo. 27.

CXIII.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1651, November 16.

Towne of Nottingham: The 16th Day of November, 1651.

The Examinacion of Zacharia Slater, of Witham-on-ye-hill, in the County of Lyncolne, Weaver, Taken before Maister Richard Dringe, Mayor of the said Towne of Nottingham, as followeth:

Saith, that hee was a Trooper vnder Major Horseman, and beinge disbanded about 3 weeks since, saith hee left a gray horse that hee tooke at Worcester faight, nere Newport, and goeinge from Welbie, nere Grantham, where his Maister Everratt liueth, Came in the Night time nere Belvoyer,[2] and there tooke a younge Iron gray Coult, and Out of partt of the horse-taile, and, Comeinge to Nottingham, there was staid, and, Further, saith, that hee intended[3] to burrow the horse, to ridd some partt of his way, to fetch that hee lefte nere Newport. Zachara Slater. 85, ro. 15.

CXIV.—*Articles exhibited by Robert Malin, a Sheriff of Nottingham, against John Spencer.*

1651, December 18.

[4]Artickles exhibited by Robert Malin, Gentleman, one of the Sheriffes of the Towne of Nottingham, Against John Spencer, of the same Towne, as followeth:—

[1] St. Mary's and St. Peter's.
[2] *i.e.*, Belvoir.
[3] intended], 'indented,' MS.
[4] These 'artickles' are written on thin paper, and in ink so faded that some of the words are scarcely decipherable.

Inprimis, the said John Spencer, in the Church, before many gent*lemen* and Townsemen, vseinge many vnreu*er*ant and vncivell speeches, Called the said Robert Malin, 'Jack boye' and 'proud boye,' sayeinge hee was as good a man as hee, settinge his place or office aside.

*It*em, the said John Spencer, in the same place, before those gent*lemen*, Said the said Robert Malyn was 'A shitten boye,' or 'lad.'

*It*em, the said John Spencer, in the said Church, and before many gent*lemen*, and before the magestrates of the Towne, said the said Robert Malin was 'A proud Boy,' and that 'it was neuer good world since such boys as hee bore office in the Towne,' with many other vnreuerant, vndecent and vncivell languages, tendinge to the great disgrace and disp*a*ridgem*en*t of the said Robert Malin, being an officer of the Towne, and before soe many gent*lemen*.

Wherefore the said Robert Malin humbly Craueth that the said John Spencer might be bound to the good behauiour.

M*aiste*r Malyn sworne to the[1] . . . .

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CXV.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1651-2.

Presents and Rewards.

	li.	s.	d.
Sente To Coronall[2] Parpounte one side of uele, one side of mutton, one ribe of befe, and too bottill of Wine; som	1	13	6
*It*em, payd for wine and suger presented by the Majer and his Brethren to Co*m*misary Genrall Whaley . .	00	14	08
*It*em, payd for halfe a mutton, and halfe a veale, and two quartes and ½ a pinte of Sacke, presented to Collonell Hutchinson	01	09	00
*It*em, payd for wyne and suger presented to the Erlle of Clare	0	13	3

1653, fo. 3.

Necessary Expences.

Pade to Mas*ter* Auditor for inroulinge the deede for the Corporation for the fee farme rente	1	6	8

[1] Blank in MS.

[2] Coronall,] 'Cor*or*onall,' MS.

Pade to Will Lauson, by the apointement of Mas*ter* Meior, for quartrin of a sike soulger 0 6 0

Pade To Mas*ter* Cornis for quartrin seuen Wagin horses and 3 men, for ther hay and corne and dyet, by the apointe*ment* of Mas*ter* Mere 0 16 2

Pade to Widdo Stere for quartrin of Soulgers, by the a pounmente[1] of Mas*ter* Meior 0 12 0

Pade to John Wolle, by Mes*ter* Maiour['s] apountemente, for Exchange of the Towne's peuter 0 8 4

Ib., fo. 5.

Pade to John Wolle, by Mas*ter* Meiore['s] a pointemente, for sike soulyers goinge out of the Toune . . . 0 2 6

Pade to John Wolle for the Middiltorne Diner at S*ai*nt Ann's Well 1 4 0

Pade to M*aste*r Storlo for gildin' the twone's[2] mase and settin the state's armes one it 1 15 0

Ib., fo. 6.

Pade to Heneri Harison for dresin 12 holberdes . . . 0 3 4

*It*em, payd to Roberte Lacie for washing out the kinge's armes and the prince's armes, and for setting vp the boardes in the Hall, for Reales, and a peice of Wood to William Blood . . . . li. s. d. 00 07 00

Ib., fo. 7.

*It*em, for money giuen to lame Souldieres with pases, and foure lame souldieres out of Ireland, and other nessesitated[3] people, as may apeare by a lardger bill 01 03 01

Ib., fo. 8.

CXVI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1651-2, January 30.

Burges.—Ordered, from henceforth none shall bee sworne burges till they bee 21 years of age. 3426, fo. 33.

1652, Thursday, April 1.

Dyers' signe posts.—This company order and agree, that all ye signe poasts (that are not for Inns), on w*hi*ch dyers hang theire cloth, bee taken downe, and that noe dyer shall hange vpp his cloth vpon any posts, as they vse to doe, but shall hange theire cloth close to ye

[1] a pounmente = appointment. [2] twone's = town's. [3] nessesitated = necessitous.

walls, and keepe it vpon stalls; and M*aister* Maior, w*i*th ye assistance of his breethren, is desired to see it done, in regard the hangeing cloth vpon signe posts blinds Many burgesses and other men's shopps.

Gownes.—This company takeing gownes into consideraci*o*n, ye Maior[1] parte thinke fitt not for to haue gownes worne gen*er*ally, as before. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

1652, Thursday, May 27.

Signe posts: dyers.—Agreed, M*aister* Maior, w*i*th some of the breethren and Company, and Constables, to p*ro*cure ye dyers to hange theire cloth on ye wall-side, and not on ye signe posts.[2]

Ib., fo. 39.

1652, September 27.

Maister Flamsteed.—This Company are agreed and voted (none contradictinge), that M*aister* Flamsteed bee appointed and placed in any such office and place as ye Parliam*en*t shall appoint or settle for inroleinge, Regestering, or enteringe of deeds, bargaines, contracts, Statutes, and of all other busines in this Towne, and that A letter bee sent, and is this day accordingly signed by all the Company, to that purpose, to M*aister* Pierrepont; and M*aister* Millington to gett M*aister* Flamsteed setled in such office and place, and that they bee desired to take care that hee bee in, and that none else may bee putt in: ye letter read and signed.

Markett.—And also y*a*t they bee desired that if there bee A nec*es*sity that our m*ar*kett must bee altered, that then it may bee on ye Fryday.

Colonell Chadwicke.—Vppon ye Question, who shalbee nominated deputy Recorder to ye Earle of Clare (hee haueinge giuen leaue to this Companye for choise of one in ye roome of M*aister* [Clement] Spelman, who leaues ye place), it is voted and agreed that Col*onell* James Chadwick bee Deputy Record*er* to ye Earle of Clare.[3] And that hee is not to bee sworne, but haue the fower pownds A yeare, ye old fee for execuci*o*n of the place.

Thom*as* Burges ackn*owledge*s his fault in abuseinge the company in words, and submitts, and this Company are willinge to passe it by.

[1] Maior = major.

[2] A 'stoope,' or sign post, of Mr. Humphrey Greaves was subsequently ordered to be taken down, to prevent dyers hanging cloth thereon.

[3] Clare], 'Clar*k*e,' MS.

Ye words of abuse were vpon[1] sweareinge [Robert] Throne burges, for sayeinge 'hee thought they,' meaninge ye company, 'would sweare ye deuill burges.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 51.

CXVII.—*Extracts from the Pay-book of a regiment which served in Scotland and the Orkneys; 1652-5.*[3]

1652.

Clothes rec*eive*d for ye Company October ye 2d, 1652.

	li.	s.	d.
*Im*primis, 25 Coats and breeches at 17s. ye suit	21	05	00
Item, 66 pairs of shoes at 2s. 8d.	08	16	00
Item, 41 shirts at 3s.	06	03	00
	36	04	00

4686 (on cover).

Moneys Rec*eive*d in Orkney by my L*ieutenan*t for the payment of my Company during my absence from ye Regim*en*t.

	li.	s.	d.
*Impr*imis, One Moneth's pay for officers and soldjers according to ye muster of Dundee	145	00	00
*Itt*em,[4] one Monthe's pay for officers, and 14 days' pay for soldjers at ye Establish'd rate, or 5 weekes at 2s. 4d. per weeke upon Aberdene must*er*	087	19	04
*Itt*em, more upon ye same Muster one Moneth's full pay for Officers and 7 weekes' pay for soldjers at 2s. 4d. per weeke	75	08	08
*Itt*em, one fortnight's full pay for officers and Soldjers	59	10	00
*Itt*em, more a fortnight's full pay for officers, and a weeke's for Soldjers at 2s. 4d. per weeke	26	00	04

Ib., fo. 8.

October ye 5th, 1652.

Rec*eive*d then of my L*ieutenan*t Colonell in money and Clothes, being 26 weeks' pay for Co*m*mission officers, whereof 8 weekes onely for ye Ensigns,

[1] vpon], 'vvpon,' MS.

[2] Burges was granted 'Widow Pye's' part in Westcroft at 40s. rent on 24 Oct., 1654.

[3] The Pay-book is an oblong book of thirty-three pages. Only a few extracts are given. The regiment was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Sawrey and Captain John Gillott.

[4] 'Ittem' = item.

11 weekes for Sarj*eants*, 9 weekes for Corp*ora*lls and Drums w*i*th[1] 8 weekes' pay for private soldjers, w*hi*ch is reckoned to be in full of all Accounts to officers and souldjers to ye 20th of September last 279 17 08

Ib., fo. 16.

November ye 2d, 1652.

Rec*eive*d then of My Collonell, being sixe weekes' pay for officers, according to Establishm*ent*, and sixe weekes for Souldjers at foure pence *per diem*, uppon the muster of ye 18° of October, 1652 . . . . 097 06 00

Ib., fo. 18.

CXVIII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1653, October 17.

We p*re*sent Thomas Lupton for settinge vp three pillars in Brightmore Hill.

We p*re*sent M*aiste*r Fillingham for ye licke[2] in ye Vault lane.

M*aiste*r Athrian Garner for settinge vp 2 Pillars in Walnutree lane.

M*aiste*r Tho*mas* Smith for incrochinge with a banke in Hunge gate.

Frances Cooke for strea*ighten*ing ye way with two pilars near ye Freare Lane.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Coumes for incroching with pilars in Bearward lane.

*It*em, George Arnald for A Porch in Barker gate.

*It*em, M*aiste*r Loueit for Incrochinge with a bay window in ye Raton[3] rowe.

William Petty, senior, for anoyinge Peeter's Churchyard wall with Shaueings.

William Petty for a porch in Weelerightgat.

*It*em, we p*re*sent Tho*mas* Winter for Makeing a midinge[4] Nie ye Hall.

We p*re*sent M*aiste*r Henery Milner for A porch in Pilchergate anoyinge ye street.

[1] 'with' repeated in MS.

[2] licke = like.

[3] Sometimes called 'Rotten Row.'

[4] dunghill.

Wee p*re*sent Ald*er*man Gamble for Incrochinge with a wall in Flecher gate.

Item, wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Barnabey Whatnabey for anoyinge Stoney street with wood.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Doctor Huthwicke for anoyinge and Incrochinge in Worser gate with porch and pales.

Cap*tin* Richards for Incrochinge with a porch in Norrow Morch.

M*aiste*r Ald*erman* Dringe for the licke.

Wee p*re*sent Leuftenant Lupton for Incroching with 2 stopes[1] in ye Hie pauement.

We p*re*sent John Adcocke for incrochinge in Bridlesmith gate with a bricke wall, and 2 Hols without grates.

Also, wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Josuha Hill for not walkinge ye Midleturne walke, accordinge to His Othe.

Wee Humbly Craue that all these faults afore writen may be reformed. 2790.

CXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1653, Tuesday, December 13.

Waites.[2]—This Companie haue ordered and agreed thatt the Towne shall haue waites as formerly; and, vpon inquirie, yf anie can be gotten, to be interteyned, yf they bee honeste men and good Music*i*ons, and to haue some allowance from the towne.

1653, December 21.

*Protector proclaymed, and M*aister *Greaves sworne a Counsellor.*—The xxi^th^ day of December, 1653, my Lord Generall Cromwell was proclaymed Lord Protector of the Three nations of England, Scottland, and Ireland. M*aiste*r Toplady, Maior, M*aiste*r Chadwicke, Deputie Recorder, fyue Aldermen, the Coroner, Sheriffs, Chamberlaynes, and most of the Clothinge, and 50 Co*m*moners present. And then was Robert Greaves, the Towne Clarke, ellected and Sworne Councellor in the Roomth of M*aiste*r Tomlyn, deceased. 3427, fo. 25.

CXX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1654, April 10.

*By the East p*artt *of the towne.*

Item, wee p*re*sent Oliue Hancocke for absenting herselfe from the Churche for three months last past, being of the age of 60 yeres.

[1] posts.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 888.

Item, wee p*re*sent Mary Cooke for the like, beinge of the age of 30 yeares. 86, ro. 36.

The Worshipfull Maior and Aldermen Woulde be pleased to soe presse[1] those seaverall flockes of sheepe which doth soe dake[2] vp and opresse the Commons, that noe poore Man can keepe nether Horse nor Cow one them, besyds the trespass vpon all Corne and Grasse that butts vpon the Commons: wee poore men desires you to Consider of these our wants:[3]

*M*aiste*r* *Maior and his brethren will take some coorse for the Remedy of this grevance soe farr forth as by lawe they shalbe warranted.*

86, ro. 42.

CXXI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1654, April 25.

Ministers' dynners.[4]—The ministers' dynners everie Wednesday to bee henceforward paied by the Chamberlaynes. 3427, fo. 30.

Lyuerey cloake for H. Greaves.[5]—This Companie doe approue of M*istr*is Maior's and M*istresse*s Aldresses'[6] requeste touchinge a liverie Cloake for M*aiste*r Homfrey Greaves, thatt Waites on them, soe thatt the Tryminge be nott gawdy, but Civell.[7]

Waites.[8]—The waites are approved on by the Companie, and allowed on, and are to haue fortye shillings a yeare from the Towne for theire Wages, as other men haue had, theire predicessors; and to haue everie second yeare Cloaks instead of Coats. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1654, Thursday, June 1.

Vpon M*aiste*r Alderman Drewrie's Moc*i*on, thatt noe man of this Companie doe ingage himselfe for his voice in the nexte ellecc*i*on of the Burgesses for this Towne for the nexte ensewinge p*ar*liam*en*t, the moc*i*on is well lyked of and agreed vnto by this Companie, thatt they will not ingage to anie. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1654, July 11.

[9]These votes by this Companie, sett vpon theire names, doe hold

[1] soe presse = suppress.
[2] dake = take.
[3] Eight signatures follow.
[4] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 838.
[5] *Ibid.*, p. 843.
[6] Aldresses = Aldermanesses.
[7] 'Civil,' sober, not showy. Cf. Milton's 'civil-suited morn.'
[8] Noticed in Bailey, ii., p. 843.
[9] *Ibid.*, p. 844.

ytt Convenient thatt Coll*onell* Chadwicke and M*aiste*r Mason bee[1] ellected Burgesses for this towne for this insewinge p*ar*liament.[2]

Ib., fo. 36.

1654, Wednesday, August 9.

[3]This meetinge was to speake with Lawrence Collens aboute a petic*i*on (as ytt seemeth hee preferred to my Lord protector), alledginge hee was denyed by the Magistrates of this towne to vse his trade[4] and callinge; the petic*i*on was nott shewed, butt a letter written by M*aiste*r Lisley Longe to M*aiste*r Piggott in his behalfe, the saied M*aiste*r Longe beinge one of the Maisters of Requeste to my Lord Protector; Wherevpon, Lawrence Collyn beinge called into the Councell-howse, ytt was proposed to him to see the petic*i*on, and asked him whether hee moved the Companie att anie tyme, or was interupted in his callinge; hee saied hee neither moved them, touchinge his freedome, nor was interupted by them att anie tyme. The Companie, by M*aiste*r Recorder, made him these offers; thatt hee mighte haue libertye to Contynewe in the towne soe longe as hee pleased, and to followe his Callinge withoute interupc*i*on (the same Callinge hee nowe vseth): And to be freed from Tolls, as much as anie freeman or Burgesse: And to haue as free benifitt of the Co*m*mon as anie Burgesse. And this beinge delivered to him by M*aiste*r Recorder, hee saied this would nott Content him, butt hee desired to be a Burgesse; Butt att the nexte meetinge followinge hee came to the hall, before the Companie, And thanckfully accepted of theire frendly offers touchinge his desires, w*hi*ch was, thatt hee should haue free libertye to vse his trade of a Woll buyer, and Jersye-Comer[5] in the towne of Nottingham: And to haue a Constatt[6] made him vnder the vsuall Seale, to signifye his adm[i]ttance to be a freeman of the towne of Nottingham, and Consequently, by Vertue thereof, to haue free passage thoroughoute all England, aswell in faires and Marketts as without, withoute payinge of Toll, as by the saied Constate[6] vnder Seale, and in his keepinge, more fully and att lardge appeareth.

Ib., fo. 39.

[1] bee,] '*to* bee,' MS.

[2] Out of 27 present, 25, including the Mayor and Messrs. Chadwicke and Mason, voted for the Colonel and Mr. Mason.

[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 845.

[4] Of wool-comber.

[5] Comer=comber.

[6] A certificate. 'Constatt' and 'Constate' for *constat* (Lat.), it appears; leading words of the certificate.

1654, September 27.

The Waites to haue everie Second yeare Cloaks in stead of Coats. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

1654, October 6.

The Mace Crownes.—[1] And the Twelve Crownes taken from the Mace are in M*aiste*r Alderman Drewrie's hand. 3428, fo. 17.

1654, October 12.

Scavinger.—[2] Vpon Conference had with Robert Hassard touchinge Clensinge of the Markett-place, and other streets in the towne, this Companie are willinge to allowe him iiij. li. a yeare, w*hi*ch hee hath refused: therefore M*aiste*r Drewrie hath promised to fynde one thatt will doe ytt for iiij. li. *p*er *ann*um. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1654, Tuesday, October 24.

Scavinger.—[2] This Companie haue agreed with Robert Hassard to be Scavinger for one yeare nowe nexte ensewinge, att v. li. xs., and to be carefull and diligent in this ymploym*en*t, in places allreddy assigned him.

*x. li. to o*ur *Burgesses.*—This Companie are allsoe agreed thatt theire shalbe sentt vpp to o*u*r Burgesses, M*aiste*r Chadwicke and M*aiste*r Mason, v. li. a peice, and xxs. to Henrie Smith: 11 li. 0s. 0d. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1654, Tuesday, December 19.

Order for Buttchers' stalls.—Ytt is ordered by this Companie, thatt when anie Buttcher shall dye thatt holds a stall or shopp from the towne, thatt then his wyefe or sonne shall hould the same stall or shopp, they vsinge the same trade, otherwaies the towne to dispose thereof to him or them thatt will give moste for the stall or shopp: this order to bee lykewise to them thatt houlds a stall in the Spice-chambers.

Waits.—Ytt is ordered thatt the Waites shall have scuttchions made them as formerly, they puttinge in securitie yearely for to restore them to the towne vpon d*e*maund.

Ministers x. li., etc.—This Companie doe order thatt the ministers of S*ain*t Marie's shall haue x. li. from the towne's stocke towards fynishinge of their howse, and lykewise x. li. more is to be allowed to S*ain*t Peters for repayringe theire Lofte. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

[1] This minute succeeds some other unimportant entries.

[2] Noticed in Bailey under year 1640, vol. ii., pp. 644-5.

1654-5, Thursday, January 18.

The waits' Cloake in Barthollmewe's custody, and pawned to him, as M*aiste*r Smithe informes, for xxs., to be Remembered. *Ib.*, fo. 26.

Vicaridge howse.—M*aiste*r Garner, M*aiste*r Malyn, and the Chamberlaynes are required to vewe the Vicaridge howse, and to see howe Conveniently there may be a p*ar*cell of the towne's waste spared for the settinge vpp of pales and a porttche theire, for the minister's conveniencye, and to make theire reportt to the howse, thatt the same may be ordered.

Treasorer for the towne.—M*aiste*r Sully is desired and nominated to be the Treasorer for the towne's monie, and to haue the ouersighte of the Towne's monie and bonds, by and with the Consent and allowance of M*aiste*r Maior, Aldermen and Councell, and to haue fortye shillings by yeare for his paines. *Ib.*, fo. 27.

1655, Tuesday, August 14.

Gownes.—The Companie meetinge this day aboute the nominac*i*on of the newe Maior att *Mich*ael*is*[1] nexte, ytt was moued thatt the antient custome of wearinge of gownes by the Cloathinge and Councell should be Contynewed, and thatt, att the nexte meetinge of a full Companie, this busines of wearinge of gownes to be drawne to some nerer conclusion. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

1655, Tuesday, September 24.

Order: Stalls.—Itt is ordered thatt noe stalls shalbe sufferd to stand in the markett place butt on the markett day onely, vpon paine of forfeyture of xijd. fyne for everie defaulte, and thatt the Bellman shall give notice thatt noe stalls bee sett in the markett-place after Monday nexte, butt on the markett day onely.

This Companie haue voted to haue Gownes, and ytt is agreed thatt the same Gownes shalbe Made and reddy to be worne before the nexte assises, vpon payne of forfeyture of v. li. for everie defaulte herein, without anie abatem*ent* *yf M*aiste*r Recorder doe approue of the way to levye the same fyne*,[2] and all the Cloathinge thatt doe anie service in ellecc*i*ons, and all the Co*m*mon Councell, to be concerned in this order touchinge Gownes. *Ib.*, fo. 46.

1655, September 27.

Fild Reeves.—M*aiste*r Cooper, Captayne Richards, Brian Gray, and W*illia*m Archers to be Feild Reeves for this yeare ensewinge,

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas. [2] The words in italic are underlined in the MS.

and to be carefull to discou*er* whatt sheepe anie man hath in the feildes aboue the Styntt, and whatt foreyn*er*s interco*m*mon in the feilds with vs; and to ympownd such sheepe as shalbe fownd damage *Feazant*[1] by reason of Surchardginge the Co*m*mon or otherwaies.

Ib., fo. 47.

CXXII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1655, October 19.

Wee pr*e*sent William Thorpe for Incroching with a Celler in S*ai*nt Mary gat: *rented.*

Wee pr*e*sent M*aiste*r Leland for a Celler steeres ling open to the March, to the great danger of pashingers.

Wee pressent M*aiste*r John Fillingham for Incroching w*i*th a Chimnie in Valt lane: *rented.*

We present Tho*mas* Radford for anoyinge ye Swyne greene w*i*th an Issue: *xijd.*

Wee p*re*sent Will*ia*m Mabbott for Incrotchinge with his postes in the street one the Longe Rowe.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Samell Ryle for the like.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Thomas Huthwaite, Maior, for the like.

Wee p*re*sent Ald*erman* Topladie for the like.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Phillingham for the like.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r Henery Sherwine for the like.

Wee p*re*sent M*aiste*r John Chamberlin for the like.

Wee p*re*sent Ch[r]istofer Hall for the like. 2791.

CXXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1655-6, Thursday, January 17.

*M*aiste*r* *Whittchurch.*[2]—This Companie havinge taken into Consideraci*o*n the weaknes of M*aiste*r Whittchurch,[3] and beinge pleased to give all assistance and ayde vnto him in this tyme of his weakenes, are Content to allowe him v. li. a quarter, towards the procuringe of an able and sufficient man to assiste him in the dischardge of his Cure; and this allowance to haue Contynuance duringe the pleasure of this Companie onely. 3429, fo. 36.

[1] Feazant = faisant (Fr.), doing, committing, etc.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 847-8.

[3] Rector of St. Peter's.

1656, April 25.

M*aiste*r Drewrie, Alderman, M*aiste*r Garner, M*aiste*r Cooper, M*aiste*r Bayly, M*aiste*r Whitbye, M*aiste*r Sulley, [and] M*aiste*r Hawkyns—

1. Are to take into Considerac*i*on, howe and by Whatt way and meanes oute buildings and incroachments may be punished and reformed, thatt are allready made, and others for tyme to come to bee prevented.

2. Whatt is the beste way to advance the profitts of the Towne's Mills.

3. To punish offenders that haue lett the Towne's Lands to forreyn*ers*,[1] and to prevent ytt in the future.

4. To order the busines touchinge the Complaynt againste the Schoolemaister and Vsher.

5. And att the nexte meetinge of the Councell to make theire Reportt, thatt things may be then ordered for the Towne's advantage, as there shalbe Cawse. 3429, fo. 45.

1656, May 22.

Marie's parish: xx. li.—This Companie are Content to allowe to the Parish*ioners* of S*ain*t Marie's parish, xx. li. towards the buildinge of a Lofte there; the one halfe to bee paied in hand, and the other halfe when the lofte is framed and Reared.

M*aiste*r Gamble, M*aiste*r Richards, Aldermen, M*aiste*r James, M*aiste*r Hides, M*aiste*r Sherwyn, M*aiste*r W*illia*m Ryley, [and] M*aiste*r Josua Hill to measure all incrochm*en*ts in the towne since '42, and Sam*uel* Bastyn to assiste them.[2]

Ordered in the Sessions, by adiornem*en*t vntill the 2 of June, 1656, thatt Thomas Bishopp shall pull downe his shopp or incroachment in Flettchergate within xiiij. daies nexte ensewinge, and Raphe[3] Shawe to pull downe his incroachm*en*t within three weeks nowe lykewise nexte ensewinge. *Ib.*, fo. 47.

CXXIV.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1656, June 6.

By M*aiste*r Cooper and others.

[Wee present] Svsana Mellford for Distorbing the minister in the Church of Peeters, in the tyme of his preachinge, vpon the last Lord's

[1] *i.e.*, non-burgesses. [2] The MS. here adds '42.' [3] Raphe = Ralph.

day, beinge the first of June, Contrary to the forme of the Statute, affirming he preached false Doctrine, and that p*er*fecc*io*n may be attained to in this life. 87, ro. 34.

CXXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1656, Thursday, July 10.

Wood sett oute for Churche and Bridges.—This Companie are agreed thatt Trees, to the valewe of xij. pownds, shall be sett oute for the Bridges and Marie's Churche for a lofte, thatt is to say, Eighte for the Church, and fower to the Bridgs, and M*aiste*r Drewrie, Ald*erman*, Bridgm*aiste*rs, M*aiste*r Dringe, M*aiste*r Bayly, M*aiste*r Pettye, [and] M*aiste*r Richards are required to sett oute the same Trees for the Churche and Bridge accordingly. 3429, fo. 51.

1656, Friday afternoon, August 1.

[1]This Companie haue voted thatt the Ho*nora*ble Maior-Generall Whalley will be pleased to accepte of theire ellecc*io*n to bee a Burgeis and a freeman of the Towne of Nottingham. Butt nott to be ingaged to take anie oath as other Burgesses vsually doe, and this Ellecc*io*n nott to be broughte in example in the future.

His Honor accepted of ytt, as a token of theire Loue, butt would nott heere the order Read.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1656, Thursday, August 15.

Shreves:[3] Whereas yearely there are Writts issuinge oute of the Exchequer office, directed to the Sheriffs nowe in beinge, to retorne isseues againste some former Sheriffs for nott accomptinge for the issues and profitts[4] of theire office, This Companie intend to take some Coorse, by the assistance of the Members to be elected, for stayinge thereof. And all Sheriffs aswell in beinge, as hereafter to bee Sheriffs of the towne of Nottingham, shall bee secured by the Towne from all issues and amerciam*en*ts happeninge to them by reason of those accompts, or anie thinge touchinge the same.

Ib., fo. 55.

1656, Thursday, August 28.

Waites.—Thomas Bayly, Homfrey Roberts and W*illia*m Coggs, the Waites of the Towne, beinge lefte by W*illia*m Pattchett and

[1] Noticed in Bailey, year 1655, ii., 846.

[2] Bailey says he 'refused to take the customary oaths.'

[3] Shreves = sheriffs.

[4] profitts,] 'profittis,' MS.

Salomon Sebastian, theire fellowe Waites, are ordered to Surrender theire Scuttcheons and Cloakes into the towne's hands, to dispose of them as they shall direct. And this Companie doe allowe the saied Bayly, Coggs, and Roberts xs. a peice, oute of theire bounty, in lewe of[1] theire Losses, and to Receave ytt from M*aiste*r[s] Chamberlaynes onely for this quarter, in regard of theire poverties. *Ib.*, fo. 57.

CXXVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1656, October 13.

By the Constables: xiij[th] of October, 1656.

Wee p*re*sent Edw*ard* Godfrey for makeing a muckhill in the Holowstone.

Wee p*re*sent Widow Seuell for drunkeness and scoulding.

Wee p*re*sent that the Lady Hutchinson had musicke in hir house one the Saboth day, the 12 of October, 1656.

Wee p*re*sent Will*iam* Newcom, Senior, and Will*iam* Newcome, Junior, Henery Boote, and Richard Boote, and John Tweles, one the Backeside, all for anoying the heyway by S*aint* Joanese's with Ramell.

Tho. Waller. Geo. Alsebroke. 88, ro. 4.

CXXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1656, November 24.

*M*aiste*r* *Chadwicke*: *M*aiste*r* *Drewrie*.[2]—This Companie are agreed that xx. li. shall be sent to Collonell Chadwicke and Alderman Drewrie, o*u*r Burgesses, towards the defrayinge of their Chardge duringe this present p*ar*liament.

*M*ist*ris* *Whittchurch*.—This Companie are content to allowe to M*istris* Whittchurch the some of Tenn pownds, to be paied by the Chamberlaynes to M*aiste*r Maior when hee is pleased to call or send for ytt. 3430, fo. 32.

CXXVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1656, December 12.

Forasmuch as Leonard Wood hath lyen sculking here in our Towne of Nottingham, and lately maryed one An Blankley, and now seekes a settlement here, and may proue chargeable to our Towne,

[1] in lewe of=in consideration for.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 849.

which is allredy ouercharged w*i*th such like poore people, And they confess y[t] their last aboad and settlement was at Bridgford, at ye Bridgend, these are therefore straitly to require you to conduct them to ye sayd Bridgford, in his Highnes'[1] name forthwith, there to be settled and set on work, and prouided for according to law. Given vnder our hands this 12 of Dec*ember*, 1656.

Francis Toplady, All*derman*.

To the Constables of Bridgford at ye Bridgend, and ye ouerseers of the poore there. 88, ro. 19.

1656, December 13.

Will*ia*m Bradshaw, felt maker, Fryer row, 13th of December, 1656, att John Barke's howse, an Ale howse, about 10 a clocke in ye morning, in Nottingham, sayd (speaking of eating and drinking), There was a saying in schripture y*a*t o*u*r Savior fed 5000 men w*i*th 05 loves and 2 fishes, w*hi*ch was as arrand a lye as ever was spoken; and y*a*t the 12 basketts (in holey scripture menc*i*oned), full of fragm*en*ts thereof, was as arrand a lie, swearing by way of co*n*firmac*i*on of the p*re*misses, 'By God.'

W. Bradsh*aw* denies all the materiall p*ar*te, etc., and [says] that hee was not drunke, to his knowledg.[2] 88, ro. 22.

CXXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1656-7, Thursday, January 29.

10 trees for Peter's lofte.—Vpon the Petic*i*on of the Church Wardens of Peter's, thatt they are stanted[3] of Roome for the parishion*er*s by reason of the vnitinge of both parishes, And havinge ane intent to inlardge theire sittings in the saied Church by buildinge of a Lofte or Scaffold; This Companie are contented to allowe them Tenn Trees, to bee Vewed and sett oute with all convenient speed by M*aiste*r Bayly, M*aiste*r Coop*er*, M*aiste*r S. Jackson, M*aiste*r Hawkyns, Maior Chadwyke, and M*aiste*r Lovett.

Lofte.—The Companie are content to allowe to the Church Wardens of S*ain*t Peters x. li. towards the buildinge of theire Lofte.

3430, fo. 39.

[1] Oliver Cromwell, then Protector.

[2] The roll states that three witnesses denied all, except that he was drunk, and that four witnesses averred he was not drunk; the result does not appear.

[3] 'stanted' = stinted.

CXXX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1657, April 13.

Easte p*ar*tt.

*Imp*rimis, we present Mary Cooke for nott comeinge to ye Church for the space of three monthes last past.

*It*em, We present Ann, the wife of Will*ia*m Greene the younger, for a skolld.

*It*em, Wee present John Howett, late a Soldier, for absenting him selfe from the Church constantlly.

*It*em, wee present Thomas Newcum for constantlly annoyinge the beast markett with mennor: we desire speedy redresse of it.

We humbly request that notice may be given to all parents and m*aste*rs that the[y] restraine their Children and servaunts from playinge In ye streetts, and In the fields, on ye Sabbath daies, to the great prophanation of God's day. 88, ro. 25.

CXXXI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1657, Monday, May 25.

Huntt.[1]—This Companie are of oppynion nott to make Robert Huntt Burgesse, for thatt there is noe such trade as a lynnen draper vsed in this towne, to w*hi*ch trade hee was bound apprentice to Adam Jackson, as ytt appeareth. And the Reason of Robert Huntt's deniall was, for thatt the same mighte bee of evell Consequence in bringinge in of Maultsters to be Burgesse, and such lyke, etc.

Againste Hawkers.—Vpon the Petic*i*on of the tradesmen of this Towne, of the evell Consequence in sufferinge Strangers to goe aboute the towne by Hawkinge and sellinge of wares, Contrarie to the Statuts, and to the greate hinderance of the same Tradesmen, for prevenc*i*on whereof the Companie haue appoynted W*illia*m James, the beadell, to take them vpp, and Suppresse them, as hee shall meete with them, vpon anie occasion. 3430, fo. 52.

1657, Thursday, June 18.

This Companie are Content thatt James Parramore shalbe ymployed in the service of the Towne in takinge vpp and suppressinge of Hawkers, and such lyke Wanderinge p*er*sons thatt Hawke

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 850.

vp and downe the Countrie, to the preiudice and Iniurie of the Tradesmen here; And shall doe his Indeavor to keepe oute Rogues and Countrie beggers, And to see to the Wayinge of Butter soe often as hee Conveniently may, and to acquaynt M*aiste*r Maior with everie defaulte herein. And to discouer all such as forstall, ingrosse, or Regrate[1] anie Marchiandice cominge[2] to this faier or Markett; and James Parramore to haue xxs. yearely from the Chamberlaynes, to be paied by vs. quarterly, duringe the pleasure of the Companie, for his paines to be taken herein. *Ib.*, fo. 55.

CXXXII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1657, July 20.

Constables' Jurie.

Wee p*re*sent William Innocent, and Gearal[3] Huthwaite and his wife, for raising a tumult in the streets yesterday, being the Lord's day, the 19th day of July, against the Churchwarden[s] and Cunstables, and gave them bitter words and impident speeches, as the[4] walked in the streets to restraine Children and servants from sports and pastime.

Wee p*re*sent these Children vnder-written: the[4] were taken fishing on the Lord's day, being the 19 day of July: Nicolas, the sonne of Richard Sherwin, too sonns of good wife Fawcitts, John, the sonne of George Peverill, Isaac, the sonne of Widdow Moreland, Robert, the sonne of Robert Chantrey.

Wee p*re*sent Francis Nix and his Wife for oposing the Churchwardens and Cunstables last Lord's day, being the 19 day of July, the[4] having taken a boy of his playing w*i*th many others.

Wee p*re*sent George Godfrey: hee lay drunke in the open streete like a dead man, in the assise weeke. 88, ro. 36.

1657, July 30.

West p*ar*tt. M*aiste*r James, forman.

We present George Gambell, cuteller, for not frequenting any plase of meting wher God is worsheped.

We present the wife of Richerd Cheetum for corsing and swaring in Joune last.

[1] 'regrate,' to forestal, engross; Fr. *regratter*.
[2] cominge,] 'comige,' MS.
[3] Gearal = Gerald.
[4] the = they.

We present John Shaw Smith for coursing, swareing, and beting of his wife one the last Sabeth day, and diuers oather times, to the greate disturbans of his neybers.

We aquint you that there was a meting att Thomas Hifeld, and many pepell came one horsback out of the cunterey. We request that trauilling one the Sabeth day may be preuented. 88, ro. 38.

CXXXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1657, Monday, August 3.

M*aiste*r Oxley, the vsher, havinge petic*i*oned for an increase of Wages, this Companie are content to add iiij. li. *p*er *Ann*um to his Wages, and to be paied him quarterly by the Scholewardens, the firste quarter to begyn att *Mich*ael*is*[1] nexte. 3430, fo. 59.

1657, Tuesday, September 22.

This Companie takinge into Considerac*i*on the Extraordenarie paines thatt M*aiste*r Barrett taketh in the exercise of his paines in the Dischardge of his Cure, beinge the parson of S*ain*t Peter's in this towne of Nottingham, insoemuch thatt hee desireth to haue an assistant aswell for the Dischardge of his saied ministree as for the ease of him selfe, beinge weakned by his saied paines as aforesaied, This Companie are content to allowe to M*aiste*r Barratt for an assistant to be approve*d* on by M*aiste*r Maior, M*aiste*r Recorder, Aldermen, and Co*m*mon Councell of this towne, and the ministers of both parishes, the some of Twentye pownds *p*er *Ann*um, to begynn att *Mich*ael*is*,[1] 1658, by twoe paym*en*ts ; and the assis[t]ant of Marie's parish to haue the lyke addic*i*on of xx. li. *p*er *Ann*um over and aboue thatt allowance of x. li. a peice allredy allowed them from the Towne's stocke. And the Augmentac*i*on to be equally devided to both parishes, beinge 75 pownds to either parishe ; and this order beinge voted, is approved of, and Consented vnto gen*er*ally, without anie Contradicc*i*on att all. *Ib.*, fo. 69.

1657, October 19.

This Companie are agreed thatt M*aiste*r Docter Tuckney shall be written vnto for his assistance in procuringe a Schoole-Maister to Supply the Roome and place of M*aiste*r Leeke, deceased, and this Companie have promised to suspend theire voices, or assents, in anie elecc*i*on of anie other thatt may be propounded to the Companie,

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas.

vntill docter Tuckney have written vnto them touchinge his indeavors herein.

3431, fo. 48.

1657, Monday, November 16.

The Question is, whether M*aiste*r Birttch and M*aiste*r Pitts, co*m*mended by M*aiste*r Docter Tuckney to be Schoolemaister[1] onely, or[2] they twoe and M*aiste*r Vllocke shall bee in nominac*i*on for to be Schoole-Maister.

The Twoe gen*tlemen* Co*m*mended by M*aiste*r Docter Tuckney to be onely in ellecc*i*on to be Schoole Maister; And by the vote of the howse the greater p*ar*tt[3] haue made Choyce of M*aiste*r Pitts to be Schoole maister, yf his sufficientye bee approved by these gent*lemen* followinge, or anie fyue of them:—

Collonell Pierepont.
M*aiste*r Docter Plumptree.
M*aiste*r Harcoortt.
M*aiste*r Whittlocke.
M*aiste*r Reynolds.
M*aiste*r Barrett.
M*aiste*r Coats of Nott*ingham*.
M*aiste*r Coates of B*asford*.
Captayne Pallmer.

} or any five of them.

Ib., fo. 51.

1657, Monday, November 23.

M*aiste*r Henrie Pitts beinge Co*m*mended to the Towne by M*aiste*r docter Tuckney to bee Schole maister in the Roomth of M*aiste*r Leeke deceased, beinge here in p*er*son, the Towne are contented to allowe him for his Sallarie fourtye pounds *per Ann*um to enter and begyn presently[4] after Christmas nexte, and a further addic*i*on to be made to him as by this Companie shall bee thoughte fittinge, accordinge to his diligence and paines in the same place; And onely to haue twoe potac*i*ons yearely, and noe more, And nott to take aboue xijd. a peice of anie of the Towne's Children for those potac*i*ons, And nott to preach for Hire, nor to take vpon him anie pastorall Chardge. And nott to graunte or allowe anie play-dayes aboue one in everie Moneth, besides holly daies and such vsuall tymes, And to give M*istri*s Leeke a Convenient tyme to Remoue her goods. To all

[1] So MS., and throughout.
[2] 'or,' repeated, MS.
[3] viz., 24 out of 28 present.
[4] presently = immediately.

W*hi*ch M*aiste*r Pitts doth Consent, and hath herevnto Subscribed his name xxiijth of November, 1657.[1]

And M*aiste*r Cotes, M*aiste*r Whittlocke, M*aiste*r Reynolds, M*aiste*r Samuel Coates [and] M*aiste*r Barrett beinge desired by M*aiste*r Maior, the Aldermen, and Councell to haue Conference With M*aiste*r Pitts touchinge his abylitie to dischardge the same place of Schoole Maister, haue, vnder theire hands, approved of his sufficiency therevnto. *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1657, Thursday, December 17.

This Companie are agreed to make an addic*i*on of x. li. *p*er *Ann*um to the 40 li. formerly voted to M*aiste*r Pitts, the Schoole Maister, to make his salarie fiftye pownds by the yeare. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

1657-8, February 22.

*Coop*er.—Vpon a letter Written to M*aiste*r Maior and his Brethren from Maior gen*er*all Whalley, touchinge one Coop*er*, sometymes[2] a solder in the State's service, to haue some allowance for to buy him horse and Armes, this Companie are content to make him allowance after the proporc*i*on followinge, thatt is to say, yf the Country Justices allowe him Sixe pownds, xiijs. iiijd., the towne will allowe him iij. li. vjs. viijd., and soe proportionably for a greater or lesser some. *Ib.*, fo. 70.

1657-8, March 11.

M*aiste*r Malyn, M*aiste*r Whittby, M*aiste*r James [and] M*aiste*r Bayly to vewe the Church staires into the lofte.

S*ain*t *Marie's Church.*—This Companie are content to allowe the Church-Wardens of S*ain*t Marie's p*ar*ishe xxxs. towards the buildinge of a Stere-Case in the Church, and to be paied by the Chamberlaynes. *Ib.*, fo. 73.

1658, Thursday, April 8.

Complaynt beinge made by the Sheriffs thatt Jonathan Mott, of Gainsborough, refuseth to pay Toll for his goods beinge broughte vpp and deliu*er*ed as Marchandice within the Toll meares,[3] therefore ytt is ordered by this Companie, that the Sheriffs shall demaund theire Tolls of M*aiste*r Mott, and vpon his refusall to pay Toll, the Sheriffs to distrayne him, and the Towne to beare the Chardge of Sute in case they shall be forced therevnto.

[1] The signature of Henry Pitts, written in full, is appended to this minute.

[2] sometymes = sometime, *i.e.*, formerly.

[3] 'Meares,' limits, or boundaries.

1658, May 13.

Towchinge my Lady Grantham's guifte.[1]—The Hundred pownds allreddy given by her, to sett the pore one Worke, and in the Towne's Hands another 100 li. to be added to ytt, to sett the poore on Worke.

Land to be boughte to the valewe of x. li. *p*er *Ann*um, and thatt to be yearely ymployed for settinge the pore on Worke, and puttinge them oute. M*aiste*r Maior, M*aiste*r Drewrie [and] M*aiste*r Sulley are Required to goe to the Ladye Grantham[2] to treate with her aboute settinge the pore on Worke, and other discoorse, as occasion shall bee offered. *Ib.*, fo. 77.

1658, Monday, May 24.

*M*aiste*r Oxley.*—M*aiste*r Oxley, the Vsher of the Freeschole, by reaso'n of his Weaknesse in his bodye, dothe freely Surrender his place of an Vsher, and hee is to have att Midso*m*mer Sixe pounds, and vj. li. more then, and vj. li. more att *Mich*ael*is* nexte. And to haue free libertye to teach schoole att his howse as formerly, and hee demeaninge himselfe well and orderly.

*M*aiste*r Pitts.*—This Companie doe order thatt M*aiste*r Pitts, the Schoole Maister, shall nott preach att anie tyme duringe the tyme of his beinge Schoolemaister, vnlesse, by the vote and lycence of M*aiste*r Maior and Councell, hee bee therevnto lycenced and appoynted. *Ib.*, fo. 79.

M*aiste*r Cooper, M*aiste*r W*illia*m Ryley, M*aiste*r Hodgkyn, M*aiste*r Jackson, Robert Bate, and M*aiste*r Lovatt appoynted to vewe the Meareston[3] lately Removed by some of the parishion*er*s of Radford and Lenton, and to sett them stones soe Remoued into the ould places. *Ib.*, fo. 80.

1658, June 15.

Bleachers.—M*aiste*r Parker, Alderman, and M*aiste*r Sulley are desired to dischardge the Bleachers att Leenside to avoyed[4] the growynds of there Cloth att Midso*m*mer nexte; and in case of Refusall, they to sue and arreste the opposers as by Councell they shall be directed, and the Towne to beare them oute. *Ib.*, fo. 81.

1658, June 17.

M*aiste*r Pitts, the Schole maister, acquayntinge the Companie of his Want of an Vsher to assist him, hee hath proposed M*aiste*r

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.
[2] Grantham,] 'Gra*m*tham,' MS.
[3] 'Meareston,' boundary-stone.
[4] 'Avoyed,' to clear, or leave free.

Thomas Ellkinton to haue thatt ymploym*ent*; and the Companie Doe take tyme vntill *Mich*ael*is*[1] nexte to approve of the saied M*aiste*r Ellkinton, and to have the Assistance of M*aiste*r Grauntt, M*aiste*r Reynolds, M*aiste*r Barrett, or anie twoe of them, for his triall and approbac*i*on. *Ib.*, fo. 11.

1658, Thursday, July 1.

*M*aist*er* *Pitts.*—Lycence is graunted to M*aiste*r Pitts to preach att S*ain*t Marie's, or elsewhere, the nexte Lord's day onely, Notwithstandinge anie order to the Contrarie.

[2]M*aiste*r Maior, M*aiste*r Drewrie, M*aiste*r Richards, M*aiste*r Toplady and M*aiste*r Huthwaite, M*aiste*r Bayly, M*aiste*r Garner, M*aiste*r Hill, M*aiste*r Malyn, Maior Chadwicke [and] M*aiste*r Hides are desired to take a vewe of the petic*i*on to his highnes, the Lord Protector, and to examyne and Consider of the same, and to make there Reportt to Morrowe, att twoe of the Clocke in the afternoone, att the Hall. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1658, Monday, August 9.

Touchinge the Adresse to his highnes.—The Companie are agreed thatt there shall bee an adresse made vnto his highnes, the Lord Protector, as the same is nowe drawne by M*aiste*r Recorder, And the same Adresse to be fayrely Ingrossed, and made redy for Subscrippc*i*on, with all Convenient Speed.

*Drap*ers' *peticion.*—The drapers of the Towne of Nottingham Complayne[3] thatt the Toll-takers of Wakefeild, in the Countye of Yourke, doe demaund and take toll of them for such Cloth as they doe buy there, and crave the assistance of this Companie for a Triall with them, yf need Require. The Companie haue taken tyme to Resolue vpon this busines att nexte Meetinge. *Ib.*, fo. 17.

1658, Monday, August 30.

Ytt is agreed by this Companie, thatt att all Meetings att the hall vntill *Mich*ael*is*[1] nexte; the Companie shall be so*m*moned to be att [the] hall att viij. of the Clocke, and from *Mich*ael*is*[1] to o*u*r Lady day att Nyne of the Clocke, and none to be absent att the howers abouesaied, vpon payne to forfeyte vjd. for everie defaulte.

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., pp. 856-7. The petition was for the Protector 'to be strict in the enforcing of the laws relating to the observance of religious ordinances,' etc.

[3] The word was originally written 'Complayninge,' and then partially altered to 'Complayne,' as the construction requires.

Eighte of the Councell being absent att 9 of the Clocke this day, were fyned att vjd. a peice, butt the same fyne was restored againe in hope of amendement and better attendance. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

Bringhurste and Beechie.—John Beechie, the Cooke, to be admitted to be the Towne's Cooke, and to enter att Michaelis[1] nexte, and to haue fower pownds Wages, to be paied him quarterly by the Chamberlaynes, besides thatt is owinge to him. Butt the ls. yearely, payable to William Bringhirste, to be confirmed vnto him duringe his lyefe. *Ib.*, fo. 20.

1658, October 19.

[2]Maister Gamble, Maister Sulley, and Maister Hough are desired to Wayte vpon my Lady Grantham touchinge her offer of one other c. li. to sett the pore on Worke, and to acquaynt her thatt the towne intends to purchase lands with the monies, for the benifitt and vse of the pore, and to sett them on worke. 3432, fo. 25.

1658, November 1.

Before this Companie Maister Robert Greaves, the Towne Clerke, in Regard of his Age and Infirmities nott beinge able to serve in the place of Towne Clerke as in his dutye hee is bound, doth moste humbly desire Maister Maior, the Aldermen, and Common Councell, to accepte of this his Resignacion of his saied office of Towne Clerke, wittnessinge the same vnder his hand the firste day of Nouember, 1658.[3]

[4]And the Maior, Recorder, and Aldermen, and Common Councell aforesaied doe accepte of Maister Greaves his Resignacion; And doe ellecte Maister Raphe Edge to be Towne Clerke in his place, vpon Condicion thatt the saied Maister Edge will be Content thatt the Fees and profitts belonginge to the saied place shalbe Regulated and Apporcioned as the saied Maior, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Councell shall directe and agree vpon, Soe as the saied Agreament and proporcion shall be sett downe in Wrytinge before the Firste day of Januarie nexte Cominge.[5]

And Maister Edge to be made a Burgeis, payinge x. li., which saied

[1] Michaelis = Michaelmas.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.

[3] This minute has the signature 'Robt. Greaues' underwritten. Both this and the two following minutes are in the handwriting of Greaves.

[4] See Bailey, vol. iii., p. 855. Bailey says Edge was 'made town clerk in the place of Flamstead.' Flamstead, however, after superseding Greaves, had, in his turn, to make place for the latter.

[5] This minute is signed 'Ralph Edge.'

Tenn pownds the Companie deliu*er*ed to him backe againe, leavinge the same to himselfe to bee disposed[1] on in some proporc*i*on to the pore of the severall parishes: And hee was Sworne a Burgess before this Companie accordingly.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1658, Thursday, December 2.

A petic*i*on beinge preferred by W*illia*m More, in the behalfe of his sonne, for some present Supply towards his Sonne's Co*m*mencem*en*t att Cambridge, the Councell are content to allowe him 4s. towards his Charge, to bee paied by the Chamberlaynes. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

CXXXIV.—*Extracts from the Bridgemasters' Rental.*

1658-9.

	li.	s.	d.
Francis Wrighte, for a Tenem*en*t in Littster gate . .	0	5	0
Margerie Rose, wydowe, for a Tenem*en*t there . . .	2	0	0
Richard Harreson, for a Tenem*en*t and a Cottage in Hownd gate	1	0	0
George Smith, for a Shopp in the Weekeday Shambles .	0	8	0
	2413, fo. 1.		
Thomas Trewman, for a Tenem*en*t, and an Orchard and Garden, in the Narrowe M*ar*sh	1	10	0
Alexander Beardsley, for the greate Barne att Fishergate end	4	0	0
Robert Wesson, for a Tenem*en*t in Goosegate . . .	0	10	0
M*aiste*r Clarke, for a Tenem*en*t in Stonie streete . .	0	6	8
	Ib., fo. 3.		
Thomas Whittington, for a garden in the Marsh . .	0	3	4
Francis Hakesley, for 2 gardens nere S*ain*t Nicholas' Church-yard, att ye easte end there . . .	0	5	0
	Ib., fo. 4.		
Collonel Chadwicke . 13s. 4d.; M*aiste*r W*illia*m Ryley 13s. 4d.; M*aiste*r Wattson . . 13s. 4d. } for the nere Ladye's close	2	0	0
Rose Porter . . ; Symon Poe . . } for the furtheste Ladye's close	1	13	4
	Ib., fo. 5.		

[1] disposed,] 'dispose,' MS.

[2] Greaves was subsequently allowed £10 per annum for life, to be paid quarterly out of the 'Towne Stocke,' commencing at the following Martinmas.

	li.	s.	d.
The wydowe of Francis Hardy, in the Righte of M*istris* Jackson, for a close called Noe Man's p*ar*tt . .	1	13	4
M*istris* Bateman, for a Close betwene Cheynie bridges .	0	8	0
Wydowe Lockoe, for one of the far Dovecoate closes .	0	16	0
John Wrighte, for one other of them	0	16	0

Ib., fo. 6.

	li.	s.	d.
Thomas Greene, weaver, for Spittlewell close	0	6	8
The Mill-maisters, for Posterne-bridge close	0	13	4

Ib., fo. 7.

	li.	s.	d.
Wydowe Walesby, for a lea[1] att Peashill, beinge halfe an acre, 4s., and one lea in the Clay feilds, 3s. . . .	0	7	0
W*illia*m Mabbott, for an Acre in ye Medowes . . .	0	2	0

Ib., fo. 10.

	li.	s.	d.
Richard Plantt, for one close, late twoe Closes, in Stonie streete	0	13	4
John Twells, Maultster, for a lea[1] in the medowes, late Wydowe White's, lyinge on the Ryehills . . .	0	0	4

Ib., fo. 12.

Fees and Cheife Rentts to bee paied.

For this Rentall	iiijs.
For ingrossinge the Accompte	iiijs.
The Bridgm*aisters*' fee	xxvjs. viiid.
A Cheife Rentt to the Sheriffs	viijd.
A Cheife Rentt to the Chamberlaynes	vjd.
To the pore in the Beadhouse in Barkergate	viijs.
To Huntingdon Plumptre, Esquire, for Rob*er*t King's garden, soe longe as Kinge, the Taylor, houlds the possession of ytt from him: iij. li. *per Ann*um; Whereof the Towne is to pay lijs., and Kinge viijs. to M*aiste*r Docter Plumptre, att *Mich*ael*is* and Lady day	lijs.
To W*illia*m James, as Maister of the howse of Correcc*i*on[2]	

Ib., fo. 12b.

The names of the Tenants in Hungerhill, whose Rentts are as followeth :—

	li.	s.	d.
W*illia*m Recklesse	0	8	8
John Lamberd	2	0	0

[1] 'Lea,' a fallow; ground enclosed, not open.

[2] No amount inserted in MS.

	li.	s.	d.
Robert Dodsley	2	10	0
Wydowe Ryley	0	8	8
Wydowe Burley	0	8	8
Thomas Whittington	0	8	8
Christofer Allen	0	8	8
Robert Varden	2	5	0
John Hillton	0	8	8
John Mettford	1	5	0
Thomas Wynter	0	8	8
Thomas Chamberlayne, Curryer	0	8	8
John Howlett	0	8	8
Robert Hallam, glouer	0	8	8
George Walker	0	8	8
John Deabell	0	8	8
M*aiste*r Huthwaite, Ald*erman*, in m*att*er [of] Wydowe Mittchell	0	8	8
M*aiste*r Daniell Sulley	0	13	4
Thomas Champion	0	13	4
Rob*er*t Kirkebye	0	18	0
John Richards	0	8	8
M*ist*r*i*s Reason	0	8	8
M*aiste*r Robert Malyn	0	13	4
John Coulton	1	4	0
M*aiste*r Edmond Richards	0	13	4
John Townerowe	0	13	4
M*aiste*r Roger Ryley in m*att*er [of] Ellen Smith	0	8	8
John Drewrie	0	8	8
Wydowe Mosse	1	3	4
Edmond Mabbott, J*un*ior	0	10	0

Ib., fos. 13-14.

CXXXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1658-9, March 1.

This day, the right ho*nora*ble, the Earle of Clare, Record*er* of this Towne, came to the Councell, and there desired to knowe wheather Collonell Chadwicke, his Deputie Recorder, was Sworn Recorder by theire Consents, w*hi*ch was by the whole house denyed, and therefore the said Earle declared himselfe y*a*t the said Collonell Chadwicke

had very much p*re*iudiced him in his Service and respects to this Towne, w*hi*ch he desired to Serve in all things to his power, And therevpon further declared himselfe, that from hence forward he did discharge the said Collonell Chadwicke of beinge his deputy Recorder, And did then Co*m*mend Rob*er*te Chamb*er*laynes Hardinge, Esq*uire*, a Barrester at Lawe, to be his Deputy duringe pleasure, if the Councell shall approve of him, w*hi*ch the Councell desired tyme to consider of, and to give theire answeare w*i*thin foureteene dayes next. 3432, fo. 41.

1658-9, March 3, afternoon.

[1]It is this day ordered, that a L*ett*er to be sent to ye Right Ho*nora*ble, the Lord Whalley, to signifie the Town's dislike of havinge the Courte of the honor of Peu*er*ell[2] kepte in any place w*i*thin this Towne.

It is ordered that it be putt to the vote wheather the Schoole lands should be allotted for Burgesse parts, or to continue for the Sole vse of the Schoole.

[3]It is ordered, that all such lands belonginge to ye Free schoole as have beene formerly allotted for Burgesse partes shall, from hence forward, as such Burgesse parts shall come in, be for ever hereafter imployed to the vse of the Schoole. *Ib.*, fo. 42.

1658-9, March 7, forenoon.

Whereas, on the 3d of March instant, it was ordered that a L*ett*er should be sent to the Right ho*nora*ble, the Lord Whalley, declaringe the dislike of this Councell in havinge the Courte of the honor of Peu*er*ell kepte at or in the County-hall sictuate within our Towne, It is alsoe further ordered this day that a L*ett*er be forthwith sent to the said Lord Whalley to declare theire dislike, and that the same l*ett*er be worded accordinge to the advice and direcc*i*on of M*aste*r Garner and M*aste*r Whitby, to w*hi*ch L*ett*er the Co*m*mon Seale of the Towne is to be affixed. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

1658-9, March 14, forenoon.

Accordinge to the desire and no*m*i*n*ac*i*on of ye right ho*nora*ble, the Earle of Clare, Recorder of this Towne, It is this day ordered that Rob*er*te Hardinge, Esq*uire*, be named Deputy Recorder, accordinge [to] the deputac*i*on given to the said M*aste*r Hardinge by the said

[1] Noticed in Bailey, year 1658, vol. iii., p. 856.

[2] Lord Whalley had desired the Court to be restored to Nottingham.

[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.

Earle: And whereas alsoe the said M*aste*r Hardinge was desired to attend this meetinge of the Councell of the Towne, It was then p*ro*pounded to him to accepte of the said deputac*i*on, w*hi*ch the said M*aste*r Hardinge was pleased to doe, and accordingly the said Councell doe hereby approve and confirme the said M*aste*r Hardinge in the said place of Deputy Recorder and Assistant to the Major, soe much as in this Councell lies. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

1659, April 14.

Ironmongers to be freed from Tolles at Gaynsbrough.—Vpon the moc*i*on of M*aste*r Fillingham and M*aste*r Chr*ist*ofer Hall, in the behalfe of themselves and the rest of the Inh*ab*itants of this Towne Tradinge from Hull or Gaynsbrough, concerninge theire paym*en*ts of Tolles at Gaynsbroroughe, It is this day ordered, that for asmuch as this Towne by the Graunte of the Charter of this Towne, the freemen thereof are thereby exempted and freed from paym*en*t of Tolles, that if at any tyme hereafter the said freemen[1] shalbe distreyned for Tolls, and have any Suite or Suites brought or p*re*sented ag*ains*t them for the not[2] paym*en*t of Tolles, such charges of Suite shalbe from tyme to tyme paid and discharge[d] at the Towne's Charge, Soe as such p*er*son or p*er*sons that shalbe soe Sued shall not make any agreem*en*t or composic*i*on w*i*th the Lord of the Mannor, or owner of the Marte at Gaynsbrough, or any other p*er*son whatsoever, w*i*thoute the consent of this Councell; and that this Councell be made acquainted w*i*th the p*ro*ceedings of such Suites.

*M*aste*r Parker.*—It is this day ordered, that the Chamberlaines shall, w*i*thin Foureteene dayes, pay vnto M*aste*r Alderman Parker the some of Twenty pounds as a Testimony of the love and thanckfullnesse of this Towne to the said M*aste*r Parker for his greate paynes and charge in attendinge the Service of this Towne in the Parliam*en*t now assembled. *Ib.*, fo. 44.

1659, Thursday, July 7.

It is this day put to the vote, wheather Richard Hill should be disfranchised for takinge in to the Co*m*mon meadowes a Geldinge of Richard Harrison, a Souldier, in open tyme, vpon a pr*e*tended Bargayne, contrary to his Burgesse oath:

The vote havinge clearely passed for the disfranchisem*en*t of the said Richard Hill, he is therefore from hence forward disfranchised.

Ib., fo. 53.

[1] freemen,] 'freem*a*n,' MS.
[2] for *non*.

1659, July 12.

Bleachers in ye meadows.—It is this day ordered, that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall p*re*sente Suite ag*ainst* Anne Gregory, widd*ow*, Mary Hearson, Roberte Allicocke and Thomas Elnor, in theire names, for layinge and Bleachinge of Cloth in the Co*m*mon meadows after Midso*m*mer-day duringe the Co*m*monable tyme, to the losse and pr*e*iudice of the Co*m*moners and in hinderance of their iust right and vsage of ye Co*m*mon; And that all such money as shall be expended in the p*ro*secuc*i*on of thes suites shalbe defrayed and borne at the Towne's charge.

Butts.—It is this day ordered that at the request and desire of George Gregory, gent*leman*, Samuell Stables, gent*leman*, and divers other gent*lemen* and Inh*ab*itants of this Towne, that the Chamberlayns shall forthwith cause a payre of Butts to be builte neare vnto the Bowlinge Alley hill, and Rayle them aboute with a Single Rayle and Stoope,[1] for the better pr*e*servac*i*on of them. *Ib.*, fo. 54.

1659, Thursday, September 15.

For ye Buyinge of a 100 quarters of Dancks' Rye.[2]—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Maior, M*aste*r Will*ia*m Petty, and M*aste*r William Jackson be impowred to buy one hundred quarters of Dancks' Rye for a Co*m*mon stocke for the releife of the Poore Inh*ab*itants of this towne.[3] *Ib.*, fo. 58.

1659, November 1.

Mickleturne Jury Regulated.[4]—It is this day ordered y*a*t the Mickleturne Jury, att theire a*n*nuall dynners, the dayes of theire Walkinge, shalbe allowed xijd. a peece for theire dynners, and iiijd. a peece for extraordinaries; y*a*t the Officers attendinge them be allowed vjd. apeece for theire dynners, and ijd. apeece for theire extraord*i*naries, and the Attendance of the Waytes at these meetings is[5] respited till further order. And it is further ordered that what shall be more expended at these meetings, everie p*er*son shall beare it at his owne Charge. 3433, fo. 17.

1659, December 22.

Ministers.—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Reynolds, Lecterer at S*ain*t Marie's, and M*aste*r Armeston, Lecterer at S*ain*t Peter's,

[1] post.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.

[3] towne,] 'tyme,' MS.

[4] This entry is noticed and condensed in Bailey under year 1646, vol. ii., p. 766.

[5] is,] 'are,' MS.

shall Receave from the hands of the Chamberlaynes for the tyme beinge the Some of Twenty po[undes].[1] And the receipte or acquittance vnder the [hands][1] of the said M*aste*r Reynolds and M*aste*r Armest[on][1] shalbe a sufficient discharge for the said Chamberlaynes.

Poore.[2]—It is this day allsoe further ordered that the Chamberlaynes shall pay vnto the overseers of the Poore of the respective parrishes, for the p*re*sent releife of the Poore of the said Parishes, the some of Sixteene poundes, Eighteene shillings and Twoepence. And the respective Overseers, given to the Chamb*er*laynes vnder theire hands, shalbe allowed for the Chamberlaynes' discharge.

This day Edward Millington, the p*re*sent Mill Master, hath brought into this house the Some of 13 li., w*hi*ch some, by order of this house, was to be equally devided for the vse of the poore of both parishes, and accordingly vi. li. xs. was p*ai*d to M*aste*r Alderman Fillingham for the vse of the Poore of S*ain*t Marie's Parish, and vj. li. xs. to the hands of M*aste*r Alderman Richards, for the vse of S*ain*t Peter's Parish.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall pay vnto the Churchwardens of the parish of S*ain*t Peter's for the tyme beinge the Some of Tenn poundes, to be by them imployed for finishinge of the Lofte lately builte in the Church of S*ain*t Peter, for the better conveniencie of the Parishioners of that Parish.

This day M*aste*r Lovatt receaved the x. li. ordered hereby to be allowed to the Parish of S*ain*t Peter's for finishinge of the loft.

Ib., fo. 21.

1660, Thursday, March 29.

[3]It is this day ordered that the 12 p*er*sons no*min*ated by the order of Tho*mas* Margretts, Judge Advocate, to attend the Courte Marshall of his excellencie, the Lord Gen*er*all Moncke, for the tryall of the souldiers suspected for the death of M*aste*r[s] Richard Hawkyns and Richard Raynor,[4] be allowed Forty shillings a peece for the defrayinge of theire respective charges in theire Jorney to London. *Ib.*, fo. 27.

1660, Monday, June 18.

Bleachers.—It is this day ordered that a warr*an*t for discharge of the Bleachers at Leene side be sent vnto them, thereby charging

[1] Page of the minute-book torn.
[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.
[3] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 864.
[4] Slain in tumults caused by the unpopularity of the government protected by the soldiers.

them that they and everie of them remove and take away all theire Cloth on or before the 25th day of June instant.

It is this day alsoe ordered that the like warr*an*t and discharge be sent to the Bleachers in the Field, to take away theire Cloth on or before the First day of August next.[1] *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1660, Thursday, August 30.

Lord Chaworth.—It is this day ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall lay oute Nyne poundes for the makinge of Gownes for poore woemen, accordinge to the direcc*i*on of the last will and Testam*en*t of the late right ho*nora*ble George Lord Chaworth, w*hi*ch woemen are to [bee] agreed vpon at the next meetinge of this Company.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 35.

CXXXVI.—*Summary of Chamberlains' Account.*

1660-1.

Towne of Nottingham, *scilicet.* } Friday, 27th of September, *Anno Domini, 1661. Anno regni regis Caroli secundi Decimo tertio.*[3]

The accounte of William Toplady and Stephen Garner, Chamb*er*lyns of the said Towne, And receavors of the rents of the lands and Tenem*en*ts, and other the profitts of the said Towne, from Mich*ael*m*as, 1660, vntill Mich*aelm*as, 1661, That is to say, for one whole yeare, in the time of Francis Toplady, Maior of the said Towne of Nott*ingham*; before the said Maior, the Ald*e*rmen his Bretheren, and divers Burgesses then and there present.

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	li.	s.	d.
The Charge: First, they charge themselves w*i*th the rent menc*i*oned in the rentall	403	17	2
For Stallages this yeare			*nil.*
For Burges nobles, and Forreners made Burgesses .	038	13	4
For Fynes, amerciam*en*ts, fellons' goods, Extracts, and forfeitures			*nil.*

[1] An order was made on 7th August following to take action against persons 'laying to bleach' linen cloth in the meadows when the latter 'lying in common.'

[2] The gowns were allotted to three women on September 20 following.

[3] *Translation:* In the year of the Lord 1661. In the Thirteenth year of the reign of King Charles the Second.

For vpsetts[1] of Mercers, Cordwynders, Skinners, and Taylors			*nil.*
For the Agistm*en*t of Easte Crofte this yeare	018	03	07
For Fynes for Leases	045	00	00
For arreares for rents, and for wood, as in the rentall	024	10	00
For moneys receaved vpon the last accounte	040	00	00
For Fynes in the feilds and meadowes	000	00	10
For other receipts accidentall	004	04	11
For things sould	002	11	06
For Arreares of Debtes	005	00	00
The whole Some of the charge	582	01	04
Allowances: For Fees and wages as in the Booke	085	07	04
For necessary Expences	355	12	05
For repayres this yeare	052	10	04
For rents behinde and vnpaid	106	02	oj
For pr*e*sents and rewardes	031	17	11
	631	10	1
The disbursem*en*ts doth exceede the receipts to	049	08	11

w*h*ich said so*m*me of 49 li. 08s. 11d. is due vnto the above-named Chamberlyns. And this Councell do acquitt the s*ai*d Chamberlyns of theire accounts.

*M*emoran*d*um, that vpon the passinge of this Accounte, M*aiste*r Garner had forgott to crave an allowance of 12 li. 2s., by him accounted for; Soe there doth remayne to the s*ai*d Chamb*er*lyns the whole So*m*me of 061 10 11

Francis Toplady, Maior. Rich. Whitby.
John Fillingham. Ald*erman* Ralph Edge.
Thomas Louett. 1763.

CXXXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1661, October 14.

[2] Rec*eive*d by John Parker, Maior of this town of Nott*ingham*, from the hands of M*aste*r Toplady, Ald*erman*, one Esquichion, being the

[1] 'upsett,' a setting up; a commencement of a business; a fine due to the borough upon commencing a craft.

[2] In Mr. Ralph Edge, the Town Clerk's handwriting.

Towne's Armes, the topp of the Mace being the Armes w*hi*ch was in Oliver's tyme, and a little Crowne belonging to the Mace.

3434 (inside the cover).

1661, Thursday, October 17.

It is this day ordered that from henceforth the seu*er*all members of this Councell shall, vpon So*m*mons thiren, Attend the Maior for the tyme beinge at his Co*m*men halls from Mich*aelmas* till Lady Day, by Nyne of the Clocke in the morning, and from Lady Day till Mich*aelmas* at 8 of the Clocke, and that such p*er*son or p*er*sons as shall neglecte theire Attendance at the foresaid tymes shall forfeite vjd. for eu*er*ie daye's neglecte, w*hi*ch some is to be demaunded of them by the Maior's Co*m*men serient, and if they shall refuse to pay vpon demand, such p*er*son or p*er*sons shall be expelled this Company till paym*en*t be made, vnlesse he or they shall obteyne licence from the Maior for the tyme beinge. It is allsoe agreed that the s*ai*d severall members shall, for the better confirmac*i*on of this order, subscribe theire respective names herevnto.[1] 3434, fo. 11.

It is this day allsoe ordered y*a*t there shalbe a Newe mace made, and that the old one shalbe sould, and what money shalbe spent thereon shalbe paid by the pr*e*sent Chamberlayns, and put vpon theire accounte. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

1661, Monday, October 21.

Lord Chaworth.—It is this day ordered that the Chamberlynes for the tyme beinge shall forthw*i*th make Sixe new Gownes,[2] accordinge to the gownes made the last yeare, as by the last will and Testam*en*t of the ho*nora*ble George Lord Chaworth is appoynted, w*hi*ch said Gownes, when made, are to be disposed of to [such] sixe poore widdowes as this Councell shall name and appoynte. *Ib.*, fo. 13.

1661, Monday, October 28.

Be it remembred, that this day the Some of Tenn poundes, receaved of Humpfrey Barker for the makinge him a Burgesse of this Towne, was paid vnto the hands of M*aste*r Ralph Edge to be by him imployed for the makinge of a Newe Mace for the Maior of this Corporac*i*on. *Ib.*, p. 14.

1661, Monday, November 4.

Moles.—It is this day ordered that Randle Moore, who hath beene imployed at the Charge of the Corporac*i*on for the takinge

[1] Thirty signatures follow.

[2] The gowns were all blue.



and killinge of Moles w*i*thin the feilds and meadowes belonginge to this Towne, shall from henceforth be discharged from killinge any more vpon the Towne's charge, and allsoe M*aste*r[s] Chamberlyns are hereby desired to give the s*ai*d Randle Moore notice of this order, and forbeare to pay the said Moore any thinge more for the takinge or killinge of any Moles. *Ib.*, fo. 14a.

1661, Tuesday, December 3.

Flaxe to be bought to sett the poore on worke.—It is this day allsoe ordered that the p*re*sent Chamberlyns shall buy soe much Flaxe as may conveniently keepe Forty poore people at worke, And that William James shall take care of the deliverie thereof to such poore people as shalbe thought fitt for such imploym*en*t, and allsoe, vpon receipte of such quantities of Flaxe as shalbe spunn, to pay those poore people such somes of money as shalbe allowed for theire laboure, And that the said Will*ia*m James shall at all tymes observe such orders and direcc*i*ons for the due orderinge of the said Flaxe as he shalbe directed by John Filling*ham*, Ald*e*rman, and John Mortlocke and Christopher Hall, gentl*emen*. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1661, Tuesday, December 17.

v. li. a peece to be lent for the payinge for a New mace.

*Moneys lent by the Councell towards the paym*ent *of the Mace.*—It is this day ordered,[1] that soe many of this Councell as will lend the some of v. li. a peece towards the paym*en*t of the New mace, shal be repaid such Somes by the p*re*sent Chamberlyns oute of the first moneys or Townes rents y*a*t shall come to theire hands. Or if in case the p*re*sent Chamberlyns can procure the Some of threescore pounds at Interest, this Councell are contente to give them bond for the same vnder the Towne's Seale. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1661, December.[2]

James Parramore.—It is this day ordered y*a*t the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall wekely pay vnto the said James Parramore xijd. for and in respecte of his officiatinge in the place of Bedle of the Beggers in the respective parishes of S*ain*t Peters and S*ain*t

[1] ordered,] 'order,' MS.

[2] The pages of the Council book on which this and the following minute occur are undated, but are between the dates December 17th and 30th, and the meeting was probably held on the 23rd or 24th December.

Nicholas, for soe longe tyme as this Councell shall please to continue the said paym*en*t, And not longer. *Ib.*, fo. 17.

Mace money.—Whereas there is now p*re*sent occas*i*on for the borrowinge of 60 li. at interest for 3 moneths, to raise money to pay for the New Mace intended for the service of this Towne, It is therefore desired by this Councell y*a*t M*aste*r Danyell Sulley and M*aste*r William Petty would give theire bond to such p*er*son or persons as will lend the same; And for theire soe doeinge this Councell doe hereby oblige the Creditt of this Company for theire Security and Indempnity for that debte. *Ib.*, fo. 17a.

1661-2, Monday, March 3.

Shorte Hill: a well to be made there.—It is this day ordered that the p*re*sent Chamberlyns shall pay vnto some discreete p*er*son, inh*ab*itant vpon the Short-hill, the some of Forty shillings towards the sinckinge of a draw well there. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1662, Monday, June 2.

Schole Masters.—It is this day ordered that the Schoole Masters for the tyme beinge shall p*ro*vide a fitt p*er*son to Collecte the Tyth hay in kinde, or to make Composic*i*on w*i*th the severall land-houlders for a reasonable value for theire seu*er*all tythes, As allsoe to be imployed in the p*re*ventinge of the poore of this Towne from stealinge of hay in the feilds, vnder Coloure or p*re*tence of Rakinge of hay. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

1663, Monday, October 26.

*M*aste*r* *Bealey.*—It is this day ordered by this Company, that vnlesse M*aste*r William Bealey shall resume his places of one of this Councell and Coroner for this Towne, on this side and before the Feast of S*ain*t Martyn, the Bishopp, in winter next, And that he doe p*ro*vide himself a Gowne for the King's Livery, according to the Custome of this Towne, he is fyned at x. li. for his Contempt.

'I, A.B. doe declare that I hould that there lyes no obligac*i*on vpon me or any other person from the Oath co*m*monly called, "The Solempe League and Coven*a*nte," And that the same was in it selfe an vnlawfull oath, and imposed vpon the Subiects of this Realme ag*ains*t the knowne Lawes and Liberties of this kingdome.'[1]

3435, fo. 14.

[1] This entry is subscribed by eleven signatures.

Bread for poore prisoners.—It is this day ordered that this Corporacion, for the tyme to come, shall pay and allowe to the Sheriffes of this Towne for the tyme beinge all such some and Somes of money as they shall expend in Bread to and for the Fellons and Prisoners in theire Custody yat ought to be allowed Bread accordinge to the Lawe.

It is this day ordered that the Some of Fifty poundes shalbe layd oute for the settinge the poore of this Towne on worke in the spyninge of Flaxe, And that Master Alderman Jackson, Master John Greaves, Master Christofer Hall, and Master Edward Greaves are desired to take Care in the discreete management of this businesse. And it is further ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall pay vnto them the some of Fifty pounds.

It is ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall, at the Corporacion Charge, make vp that Arch of the Leene Bridge yat belongs to this Towne to be in hight foure feete. *Ib.*, fo. 14a.

1663, Monday, November 9.

For the passinge of the Accounts in his Majestye's Courte of Exchequer at Westminster.

It is this day ordered, by the full and free Consent of this Company, yat the Accounts of the seuerall Maiors of this Towne, as the Maior for the tyme beinge is the King's Escaetor, shalbe passed at the Common Charge of this Corporacion for soe many of the late Maiors as there eyther are or shalbe processe issued against them, As allsoe the like Accounts shalbe yearely, for the tyme to come, passed and sued oute at the like Charge of this Corporacion for the respective Maiors for the tyme to come.

The old Mace.—It is this day ordered that the old Mace, formerly vsed for the Maior's Mace of this Corporacion, shalbe forthwith delivered by the present Maior to the present Chamberlyns, to be by them sould at the best value: And the money to be imployed for the vse of this Corporacion. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

Whereas it hath beene an Ancient custome, that the twoe Seriants attendinge the Twoe Sheriffes of this Corporacion did vsually beare twoe Silver Maces before the present Maior, Sheriffes, and Commonalty of this Corporacion vpon all publique meetings and solempnityes, which for some yeares last past hath beene discontinued by occasion of the late Warrs: It . . . .[1] *Ib.*, fo. 15a.

[1] The resolution does not appear, the page of the minute-book being left blank after this word.

1663, Tuesday, December 22.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlayns shall pay for catching of moles but 12d. a dozen for the time to come.

This day the old Mace was brought into the house, and delivered to the Chamberlayns to be sold for the Towne's vse. *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1663-4, Friday, January 22.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlayns for the tyme beinge shall yearely pay vnto the Right Noble William, Marquesse Newcastle, the some of Tenn shillings for ye Passage to the wateringe place neare the Castle side. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1663-4, Friday, February 5.

This day M*aste*r Samuell Birch, M*aste*r of Arts, is by this Society conducted[1] and hired [and] chosen to bee Schoolemast*e*r of the free Schoole of the towne of Nott*ingham* aforesaid, and[2] the said M*aste*r Birch is to haue 50 li. *p*er *Ann*um, to bee paid him quarterly by the Guardians of the sayd Schoole.

And the sayd Samuell Birch hath p*ro*mised y*a*t he will not leave ye sayd schoole w*i*thout giving a q*uar*ter's warning, in Case hee should go from it; also that he will not take a personage nor vicorage, nor curatship vpon him, nor preach w*i*thout the consent of the Major[3] and Schoole-Guardians, or two of them, firste had and obteined; also that he will bring his schollers to church on Frydays in Lent, to heare divine service, etc., and likewise vse prayers every morning in the Schoole. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1663-4, Monday, February 22.

At ye Guild Hall, Nott*ingham*.

This day, M*aste*r Edge his letter of ye 18th instant was read in this house (as also on Saturday last), and vpon serious consideration and debate had about the restriction to be put into our charter, concerning the election of Recorder, steward, and towne-clerke, it was agreed vpon y*a*t a petition, sealed w*i*th the Towne's seale, should be p*re*ferred to his majesty, to renew it w*i*thout such Restriction, as formerly it hath beene, w*hi*ch was in this house before this Company sealed. S*i*r Gervas Clifton hath wrote his letter to S*i*r Heanach Finch, K*nigh*t and Baronett, Solliceter G*ene*rall, to do this Corporation what lawfull favour he can herein, w*hi*ch letter was here read

[1] 'conducted,' hired, or employed for wages. [2] 'that' here inserted in MS.
[3] Major = Maior, or Mayor.

over, and also he hath sent to S*ir* Clifford Clifton to sollicit our busines. 'Tis ordered that ye Earle of Clare be written to for his assistance herein, and y*a*t a Coppy of S*ir* Gervas Clifton's letter be sent to M*aste*r Edge, and he to be desired to respite the Charter till next tearme, in Case he thinks We shall not haue good successe by our petition. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

1664, Wednesday, April 27.

This day M*aste*r Bastian was p*re*sent, and by reason of his ministeriall function is willing to relinquish his place, beinge the Vnder Schoolemaster, and the Schoolewardens are requested to search out for another to p*er*form his place. *Ib.*, fo. 30.

1664, Friday, June 17.

It is this day ordered that [1] Bradshawe, now an vndergraduate of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, shalbe vsher of the Gra*m*mer Free Schoole of this Towne of Nott*ingham*, if he shall accepte thereof, and make his speedy comeinge to this Towne.

It is this day ordered, that in respecte of the age and Infirmityes of M*aste*r Samuell Willdey, w*hi*ch renders him altogeather vnserviceable for the place of Maior's Seriant, he shall from henceforth be remoued from the said place of Maior's Seriant, and from the p*ro*fitts thereto belonginge; yett Neverthelesse this Councell, in theire love and Charity to him, and for his better mayntenance and livelyhoode, doe hereby further order that he shall yearely receave from the Chamberlayns of this Towne for the tyme beinge the some of Eight poundes, by quarterly paym*en*ts, the first paym*en*t to be made at Mich*aelm*as next; And this yearely paym*en*t to continue duringe the good likeinge of this Councell.

Maior's Seriant.—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r John Shawe shalbe Maior's Seriant in the place of Samuell Wildey, and that he shall from henceforth receave the p*ro*fitts belonging to that place, and that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall yearely pay vnto him Foure poundes by quart*er*ly paym*en*ts duringe the life of Samuell Wildey; And after his decease, the said John Shawe shall yearely have for his wages Eight poundes, as the said Samuell Wildey formerly had. *Ib.*, fo. 36.

1664, Friday, September 16.

Fee-Farme in arreare for 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646.—It is directed

[1] Blank in MS.

that M*aste*r Edge shall search in the Exchequer offices, and see howe this Towne, or the sheriffes for those yeares, may be discharged for those yeares' rents: And then give satisfacc*i*on to the Queene's pursuivant. *Ib.*, fo. 42.

1667, Friday, December 13.

Samuell Platts.—It is this day ordered that Samuel Platts shalbe Beadle of the Beggars in the Roome of Will*ia*m James, and shall have vj. li. yearely wages, to begin at Christmas quarter.

3436, fo. 12.

1668, Wednesday, June 24.

It is this day ordered that the bleachers at the Leen side haue notice to remoue their Cloath by the first of July next, that soe the Burgesses may haue libertie and vse of their Co*m*mon. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1668, December 29.

It is this day ordered that such p*er*sons as are now Inh*ab*itants of this Towne, and are desireous to make fyne to become Burgesses, and that will take and subscribe the oaths and subscripc*i*on directed by Acte of Parliam*en*t, shalbe by the consent and good likinge of this Company made Burgesses, and the one Moyty of such fynes shall be imployed for buyinge of Bells for S*ain*t Marye's Church, and the other for the repayres of S*ain*t Peter's Chancell.

3437, fo. 11.

1669, Thursday, October 21.

Major's Cooke.—It is this day ordered that John Beechee shalbe henceforth discharged of beinge Cooke to the Major[1] for the tyme beinge, And that [2] Blackston shall from henceforth [be] reteyned in the Office of Major's Cooke, at the yearely wages of sixe poundes, duringe the pleasure of the Major for the tyme beinge and this Councell, the said Blackston behavinge himselfe as he ought to doe.[3]

Maces for the Sheriffes' 2 Serjants for the tyme to come.[4]—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Gervas Wilde and M*aste*r Samuell Richards, now Sheriffes of this Towne of Nott*ingham*, shall with all

[1] Major=Maior, or Mayor.

[2] Blank in MS.

[3] Beechee was made an annual allowance of 20s. on the 6th September following. His name appears indifferently as 'Beechee' and 'Beechey' in the Council-book.

[4] Noticed in Bailey under date of October 1st, vol. iii., p. 931,

Convenient speede, provide and buy for the vse of there 2 Serjants 2 Maces of Silver, each of the value of Eighte or tenn pounds a peece, w*hi*ch some or somes of money the said Sheriffes are pleased to lay downe for the p*re*sent. And, for the tyme to Come, It is now ordered that the Sheriffes succeedinge shall hereafter yearely pay vnto the now sheriffes such some or Somes of money as shalbe layd oute for thes maces, abateinge Tenn shillings a peace oute of the Some, vntill the whole price of thes maces shalbe run vpp; And for the Security of the Sheriffes, the Corporac*i*on doth now p*ro*mise to secure the p*re*sent sheriffes the money they shall lay oute, and theire Successors,[1] after the same abatem*en*t, w*hi*ch succeedinge sheriffes shall bring w*i*th them to the vestry theire money to be payd to the old Sheriffes before the New sheriffes take theire Oathes.

[2]It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Ralph Edge and M*aste*r John Parker shall p*ro*vide halfe pence, stampt w*i*th the Armes of this Corporac*i*on, to the value of 15 li.[3] 3438, fo. 15.

1670, Monday, May 16.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlins do w*i*th all speed view and take Speciall care for the support and reparations of the Saturday Shambles, they being much out of repaire, and in great danger of fallinge downe, as this Company is informed. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

1670, Wednesday, August 10.

Sain*t* *Peter's Chancell.*—It is this day ordered, at the request of M*aste*r Samuell Leeke, Rec*t*or of the Parish Church of S*ain*t Peter's, in the s*ai*d Towne of Nott*ingham*, that an Oake Tree, now ready felled, lyinge in the Narr Coppy, shalbe imployed for the Repayre of the Chancell of the s*ai*d Church. And if in case there shalbe iust neede for an other Oaketree, there shalbe one sett oute by the view of Gervas Rippon, Richard Smyth, Samuell Smyth, and Robe*r*t White, gentl*emen*, for the same vse. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

[1] Successors,] 'Successorrs,' MS.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 931. There were certainly two and may have been more castings of the token. One of the 'halfpennies' is kept in a glass case, with other tokens, at the Nottingham Castle Museum, and another, a variant, is in the possession of Mr. J. P. Briscoe, Head Librarian, Nottingham Free Library.

[3] To this entry is appended, in Mr. Enfield, the Town Clerk's handwriting, the following Memorandum:

'Town Clerk's office, Nottingham:
January 25, 1845.

'One of these "halfe pence" was dug 'from out of the Soil of Back Lane' [now Wollaton Street], 'in the present Month, 'and produced to me.'

'H. Enfield,
'Town Clerk.'

1670, Tuesday, September 6.

Saint Peter's Chancell.—It is this day ordered that Master John Greaves pay[1] Forty shillings to Master Samuell Leeke, Rector of Saint Peter's, for the rebuildinge of the Chancell there, And Master Riccards is allsoe to pay the like some of Forty shillings remayning in his hands of old money, and Forty shillings more, this day payd vnto him oute of the Mill money, for the repayre and rebuildinge of the said Chancell; For which said somes, amountinge to vj. li., the said John Greaves and Arthur Riccards are discharged.

Ib., fo. 26.

1671, Wednesday, May 17.

Coppyes.—It's this day ordered that 4 Oakes standinge in the Narr Coppy shalbe felled for the vse of the Trent Bridges.

3439, fo. 17.

1671, Wednesday, August 23.

Master Joshuah Vringe.[2]—It is this day ordered yat Master Joshuah Vringe shall succeede Master Bradshaw in the vsher's place in the Freeschoole, at the same Sallary and condicions as Master Bradshaw formerly had and enioyed duringe the tyme that he supplyed that place. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

1671, Friday, September 8.

Saint Nicholas Church.—It is this day ordered by this Councell, that vpon the humble Peticion of the Inhabitants of the said Parish to this Councell for some tymber towards the rebuilding of the said Church,[3] the said Inhabitants shall have Tenn Tymber Trees to be felled in the Towne's Coppies of the best trees beinge there (Exceptinge those Trees standinge aboute Saint Ann Wellhouse). And thes 10 trees to be sett oute by the Oversight of William Jackson, Alderman, John Greaves, Coroner, Robert Malyn, Roberte White, and Francis Coxe, [and] Richard Hodgkyn, Alderman, or any fowre of them, which said tymber is to be imployed for the said vse, and not otherwise.

Ministers of the seuerall Parishes in this Towne.—It is this day ordered that the Ministers of the seuerall parishes within this Towne shall from henceforth have noe Liberty to put any horses into East

[1] pay,] 'payinge,' MS.

[2] Vringe = Uringe.

[3] Here the MS. unnecessarily repeats the words, 'It is this day ordered by this Councell yat.'

Croft, vnlesse they have horses of theire owne, and then in Courtesie, and not of right.

And it is this day further ordered y*a*t noe p*er*son or p*er*son[s], or any officer or officers w*i*thin this towne, shall have any horsegates in East Croft gratis, but the Major, Towne Clerke, and Chamb*er*lyns for the tyme beinge, and they to have gates accordinge to antient Custome, *videl*ice*t*, 2 for the Major, 1 for the Towne Clerke, and one for each Chamb*er*lyn. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1672, Thursday, April 4.

Brade Bridge.—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Jackson, M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Hall, and M*aste*r Francis Cocke[1] are desired to take care to make a Bridge of Stone where the Broadbridge now is, And this Councell will pay theire Just expences. And that M*aste*r Drury and the others, tenants to the Towne Mills, shalbe sent vnto to secure the Leene from the Brade Bridge to [the] mouth of the Leene, as by Covenante they ought to doe. *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1672, Thursday, May 30.

This day this Councell have freely Elected M*aiste*r Jeremiah Cudworth, M*aste*r of Arts, to be schoole-master in the place of M*aste*r Samuell Byrch, at the same yearely Sallary, and vnder the same lymitac*i*ons and restricc*i*ons, as M*aste*r Byrch was obliged vnto.

It was this day ordered by this Councell, vpon the request of M*aste*r Ald*erman* Parker and M*aste*r John Greaves, and the rest of the Parishioners of S*ain*t Peter's Parish, that the Chamberlyns shall supply the Churchwardens of that Parish w*i*th soe much wood as will make Frames for 2 New Bells to be hunge in that steeple, or soe much money as will buy them wood for that vse.

M*aste*r Major, M*aste*r Gervas Wilde, and M*aste*r Thomas Muxlowe, beinge of the quor*um*, do freely give theire votes for the Elecc*i*on of M*aste*r Cudworth to be Freeschoole-master in the place of M*aste*r Byrch. 3440, fo. 20.

1672, October 1.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this yeare there were noe Waytes Sworne, For that it was agreed by M*aste*r William Jackson, the p*re*sent Major, w*i*th consent of his Brothers, the Ald*er*men, y*a*t theire Cloakes, beinge the Towne's Livery, and the Escoushions, should be taken

[1] This name appears indifferently throughout the minutes as 'Cocke' and 'Cocks.'

from them, in respecte they refused to Attend the present Major with theire Instruments, accordinge to Custome, at his beinge proclaymed Major at the Weeke day Crosse, on Michaelmas day, it then fallinge vpon the Sunday. 3441, fo. 2.

1673, Thursday, October 23.

Seller heads.—It is this day ordered that the Inhabitants of this Towne shall Make Trapp-Dores, or other Guardes, Over theire stayre-heads that are towards the streete, on or before Xmas next.

That the Stalls for the Saturday Markett shalbe sett by the owners in convenient places, and not by the Markett-Wall, at the perill of the owners. 3442, fo. 10.

1673, Monday, December 8.

Memorandum, that this day William Sasheverell, Esquire, was Sworne one of the Burgesses of this Corporacion by the full and free consent of the members of this Councell. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1674, Tuesday, August 11.

Put to the Question, Whether the Mayor and Burgesses shall suffer Master George Gregory, Esquire, to build and encroach vpon the streete and Town's Wast in Swine Green in Nottingham without paying an annuall rent or acknowledgement to the Mayor and Burgesses:

It is this day ordered that George Gregory, Esquire, shall not build vpon the streete and Towne's wast on the Swyne Green without an Annuall rent or acknowledgment to the Mayor and Burgesses. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

1674-5, Wednesday, March 3.

John Hutchinson, sonne of Godfrey Hutchinson.—It is this day ordered that the Schoole Wardens for the tyme beinge shall quarterly pay vnto the said John Hutchinson xs. for 4 yeares next, if he shall be admitted and shall Continue a student in any vniversity of this kingdome. 3443, fo. 17.

1675, Monday, March 29.

Escheator.—It is this day ordered yat Master Ralph Edge retayne Councell to move the Courte of Exchequer, the next Easter terme, to have a discharge for the Major of Nottingham for the tyme to Come, to be freed from passing any account in the Exchequer as to the office of Escheator, and this Courte shall pay the expenses. *Ib.*, fo. 19.



1675, July 12.

Corroners.—Vpon informac*i*on made this day vnto this Councell by M*aste*r Alsabrooke and M*aste*r Greaves, the p*re*sent Corroners of this Corporac*i*on, that antiently there was a Fee of Eight shillings by the yeare pay'd vnto them as Corron*e*rs, and that they had nott receaved the same but once in the space of an Eleaven yeares last past: It is this day ordered by this Councell that M*aste*r Samuell Richards shall forthwith pay vnto the said Corro*ne*rs soe much money as shalbe iustly due vnto them, oute of such moneys as are now remayning in his hands as Bridge Master of the Bridges belonginge to this Corporac*i*on. And this order shalbe M*aste*r Richards' discharge for soe much. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1675, August 3.

30 li. Given towards the Leadinge of Sain*t Nicholas Church.*—*M*emoran*d*um, y*a*t this day M*aste*r Edward Greaves brought in a Receipte vnder the hand of M*aste*r John Martyn for the receipte of the Some of Thirty pounds given by this Councell for and towards the Coveringe of S*ain*t Nicholas Church, now in buildinge, with Leade, w*hi*ch receipte beares date the 24th day of October, 1674: w*hi*ch receipte was this day delivered to the said Edw*ard* Greaves. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

1675, Monday, November 1.

Lord Marquesse Dorchester.[1]—It is this day ordered by this Councell that M*aste*r Ald*erman* Edge, M*aste*r Sam*uel* Richards [and] M*aste*r Gervas Wilde be desired to wayte vpon the Lord Marquesse of Dorchester, to desire his L*ett*ers to pr*e*vent the makinge the River Trent Navigable:

That the Chamb*er*laynes pay vnto M*aste*r Ald*erman* Edge the Some of Tenn pounds, to reteyne Councell, to pr*e*vent the makinge the River Trent Navigable:

To Avise w*i*th Councell aboute a Bill in the Exchequer ag*ains*t Lenton Faire.

A stocke for the Poore.—It is this day agreed the Chamberly*nes* shall cause a Trusse of Flaxe to be bought att Hull, at the first opportunity, to[2] sett the poore of this Towne on worke this Winter. 3444, fo. 9.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 957. [2] 'the' here added in MS.

1675, November 8.

[1]Whereas M*aste*r Richard Smyth did insist vpon it, that hee was legally elected one of the senior Councell after the death of M*aste*r Benjamin Richards, but it beinge alledged, w*hi*ch hee could not deny, that hee had not receaved the Sacram*en*t of the Lord's Supp*er* within the tyme limitted, p*ur*suant to the Act of Parliam*en*t, Notwithstandeinge that hee came here and did offer to sitt, and threat to bringe his *Mandam*us, etc., since w*hi*ch tyme hee hath made his submission, and acknowledged the offence and affront which hee hath made, And is sorry for it; And wee doe accept of his submission.

Ib., fo. 10.

1676, Tuesday, August 22.

*Passinge Bells and Ringeinge of Bells at Fun*er*alls.*—It is allsoe ordered y*a*t from this day forward the Sextons of the seu*er*all parishes w*i*thin this Towne shall forbeare to tole the Bell any Longer then one quarter of an houre in that houre that is appoynted for the meetinge of the Guests to attend the Fun*er*all, and then noe longer, vntill the Corps be brought oute to be Carryed to the Church, And those y*a*t are desireous to have all the Bells Runge shall have them at the rate accustomed. *Ib.*, fo. 33.

1677, Friday, May 25.

Schoolehouse.—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Joseph Clay, M*aste*r Gervas Wylde and S[amuel] Richards, together with the Schoolewardens, shall veiw the Free schoole hou[s]e, in order to ye pulling down the West end. 3445, fo. 16.

1677, Tuesday, July 3.

Schoole house.—It is this day ordered by this Councell y*a*t the Major for the tyme beinge, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Greaves, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Edge, M*aste*r Jo*hn* Greaves, and M*aste*r Samuell Richards be imployed to treate w*i*th Rob*er*te Pierrepont, Esq*uire*, aboute the Exchang of the Freeschoole. *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1677, Friday, July 26.

Vsher of the Free-schoole.—It is this day ordered by this Councell y*a*t M*aste*r John Littlefaire, Batchelour of Arts, shalbe Vsher of the s*ai*d Freeschoole dureinge pleasure, in the place of M*aste*r Joshuah Vringe, dec*eased*.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 24.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 958. [2] This order was renewed on 25th July, 1678.

1678, Friday, June 21.

*Mem*orandum, It is this day ordered y*a*t the Com*mon*-house shall be Borded, and that the stears shall be Remoued into the Back Roome, and ye Roome to be Wenscoat[ed], and ye Chamberlyns to goe forth with about it. 3446, fo. 12.

1678, Tuesday, September 10.

John Bennett, Swyneheard.—*M*emoran*d*um, this day a horne w*i*th Worsted Trymings was delivered to John Bennet[t], whome this Councell have settled in the Office of the Co*m*mon Swyneheard duringe the pleasure of this Councell. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1678, Tuesday, September 24.

For the finishinge of Sain*t* *Nich*olas *Church steple and Chancell.*—It is this day ordered that ye pr*e*sent Chamb*er*lyns shall pay into the hands of M*aste*r Ald*erman* Parker, Jun*ior*, 50 li., and that M*aste*r Major, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Parker, Jun*ior*, M*aste*r Jo*hn* Greaves, and M*aste*r Petty shalbe overseers of ye building of S*ain*t Nicholas Church-steple and Chancell.[1]

[2]Williamson, of Keyworth, y*a*t can beate a Barr of Iron Cold into horse neales. . . . .[3] *Ib.*, fo. 17.

1680, Tuesday, October 5.

'I doe declare and beleiue that it is not lawfull, vpon any pr*e*texte 'whatsoever, to take armes against the King, And that I doe abhorr 'that traiterous position of takinge armes by his Authority against 'his p*er*son, or against those that are Co*m*missionated by him, soe 'helpe me God.'[4] 3448, fo. 9.

1680, Tuesday, December 14.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this day M*aste*r S*e*rjant Bigland was vnanimously Elected Recorder of this Corporac*i*on vpon the death of the Right Noble Henry L*or*d Marquesse of Dorchester, late Recorder, who, after his said Eleccc*i*on, tooke the severall Oathes directed by Acte of Parliam*en*t and the Custome of this Corporac*i*on, and made his Subscripc*i*on ag*ains*t the late Solemp[n]e League and Covenante. *Ib.*, fo. 12a.

[1] The Coppice-trees were at the same time ordered to be felled 'towards the building of the Church.'

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 972.

[3] The entry here abruptly ends.

[4] This declaration was subscribed to by the members of the Council.

1681, Wednesday, July 20.

*M*emoran*d*um, It is this day ordered by this Councell, that ye Chamb*er*lyns for the tyme beinge shall pay vnto M*aste*r Christopher Reynolds the So*m*me of Twenty-Foure pounds, Twelve shillings and Foure pence, in discharge of soe much money by him disbursed for the Charges of Gervas Rippon, now Major, Christofer Hall, John Parker, and Gervase Wild, Ald*ermen*, in theire Jorney to London and Windsor, in pr*e*sentinge an Addresse to his Maj*es*ty from the Major and Burgesses of this Corporac*i*on, for his Gracious declarac*i*on made vpon the dissoluc*i*on of the late Parliam*en*t, held att Oxford in March last past. 3448, fo. 20.

1681, August 14.

*M*emoran*d*um, y*a*t this day George Allseabrooke, gentl*eman*, one of the Coroners of this Towne of Nottingham, came before me Gervas Rippon, Major of the said Towne of Nottingham, and did then voluntarily and of his own accorde Surrender his said Office of Coronershipp, and prayed that there may [be] another Co*roner* Elected and Chosen in his place, accordinge to the Custome of the s*ai*d Towne of Nottingh*a*m; yett, neverthelesse, desires to Continue in his place of one of the Clothinge Councell of this Corporac*i*on vntill he shall further Consider of the same.

Witness my hand the daye and yeare aboues*ai*d.[1] *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1681-2, Friday, January 27.

Trent Bridges.—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r John Greaves, M*aste*r Sam*uel* Richards, M*aste*r Francis Samon,[2] and soe many More of this Councell as will goe to view the Waterworke[3] att the Trent Bridges, as shall have Notice thereof from the pr*e*sent Bridge-m*aste*rs.

Howses y*a*t *were lately Built ag*ains*t the South side of the wall of* Sain*t Marye's Church.*—It is this day ordered y*a*t the Chamb*er*lyns for the tyme being shall take downe the severall howses ag*ains*t the

[1] The signature 'Geo. Alseabrooke' is appended to this minute, and is 'witnessed' by the Mayor, the Mayor's Clerk, and three of the Council.

[2] Usually spelt 'Salmon' in the Council-books.

[3] Embanking, wattling, etc., to protect banks against the river.

South side of S*aint* Marye's Church-yard that are nowe vntenanted, and dispose of the Materialls thereof to the vse of this Corporac*i*on. 3449, fo. 11.

1682, Tuesday, July 25.

*M*emoran*d*um, y*a*t this day the Co*mm*en Seale of this Corporac*i*on was, by the vnanimous Consent of this Councell, Affixed to an Abhorance made by the Grand Jurors at Easter Sessions last past, ag*ainst* that Asotiac*i*on found in the Earle of Shaftesbury's Clossett, to demonstrate the Loyalty of this Corporac*i*on to o*u*r most gratious Soveraigne Lord the Kinge that now is, whom God pr*e*serve.

[1]*M*emoran*d*um, y*a*t it was put to the Vote of this Councell this day, wheather this Corporac*i*on shall Surrender theire Charters to His Maj*es*ty att this tyme, or vpon further Consideraci*o*n:

*M*emoran*d*um, y*a*t the vote beinge stated as before, the votes were even, Foureteene and Foureteene, and the Major's Castinge vote setled the debate, y*a*t the Charters are to be Surrendred. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1682, Wednesday, November 15.

Mattersey Toll: Bingley, Tenant.—It is this day Ordered by this Councell that if W*illia*m Bingley shall be denyed the paym*en*t of Tolls att Mattersey Bridge y*a*t are Jusly due to this Corporac*i*on, he shall Imploye M*aste*r Jonathan Acklam, his Neighbour, an Attorney att Lawe, to sue such Refusers by due Course of Lawe, or the Exchequer Chamber, as Councell shall Advise. And y*a*t such charges and Expences as M*aste*r Acklam shall reasonably expend, shalbe Justly payd vnto him from tyme to tyme vpon the demand of this Corporac*i*on. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1682-3, January 11.

*Clay vpon ye Wasts in or neare Nott*ingham *playnes.*—It is this day ordered by this Councell y*a*t ye seu*er*all p*er*sons y*a*t digg Claye vpon the Playnes shalbe this day discharged, and theire kills[2] and hovells pulled downe forthw*i*th. 3450, fo. 13.

1683, Wednesday, March 28.

The New Charter.—It is this day Ordered by this Councell that whatsoever Money hath beene Expended in ye obteyninge of the New Charter, or shall hereafter be Expended in the defence of the

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., pp. 991-2. [2] kills = kilns.

said New Charter, shalbe payed and discharged oute of the Revenue to this Corporacion. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1683, Friday, June 8.

Towne Leases.—It is this day ordered by this Councell, yat from henceforth this Corporacion shall not Contracte with, or Seale, any Leases to any person or persons whatsoever, of any the Lands or Tenements belonginge to this Corporacion, but to such onely as shalbe Sworne Burgesses of this Corporacion, as it is now Incorporated by the name of Major, Aldermen, and Burgesses. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1683, Monday, July 23.

Addresse to his Majesty.—It is this day Ordered by this Councell, yat yat Addresse which was here read this day, be presented to his Majesty by Maister Christopher Hall, Alderman, And yat a Somme of money be forthwith Raysed to defray his Expenses in this Affaire. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1683, Thursday, November 22.

Master John Simpson.—It is this day ordered yat Master John Simpson, Parson of Saint Nicholas, shall have 15 li. a year, to be paid quarterly by ye Handes of ye Chamberlyns, by equall Porcions; his first Payment to begin at Christmas next, and soe to continue duringe ye Pleasure of this house.

Alderman Wylde and Alderman Rippon.—It is this day ordered by this Common Councell that ye Chamberlains shall pay 40s. into ye Hands of Alderman Wylde and Alderman Rippon, towards ye building and securing of ye Butts. 3451, fo. 15.

1683-4, March 12.

It is this day ordered that Master Major, Alderman Petty, Alderman Wyld, the two Coroners,[1] Master Samuell Hooke, or any fowre of these, together with ye two Briggmasters, shall have full power to make such Contracts as they shall thinke expedient to bee done, in order to ye Buildinge of the Bridges.[2]

Itt is this day further ordered that the persons above named, together with Master Alderman Rippon, to view what woods in the Coppice are[3] proper and fitt to be sold towards ye raising of moneys

[1] Robert Wortley and William Woolhouse.

[2] A destructive flood had occurred, and the Trent Bridge had been almost entirely destroyed by pieces of ice floating down the stream. Bailey notices this and the following order, but gives the date as 12th March, 1682-3. See vol. ii., p. 1009.

[3] are,] 'is,' MS.

for ye charge aboues*ai*d, and that they be impowred to sell the wood afores*ai*d for ye same vse. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

1684, Wednesday, April 2.

George Wallis.[1]—It is this day agreed by this Councell y*a*t George Wallis shall begyn the next Fryday to take a weekely Account of all Labourers y*a*t shalbe imployed in and aboute the rebuildinge of the Trent Bridges, and take a weekely account, as well of the Number of the Labourers as of their weekely wages, from weeke to weeke, untill the worke be compleately Finished, or this Councell otherwise shall determyne. And in considerac*i*on of his the s*ai*d George Wallis his care and paynes to be herein taken, this Councell doe hereby p*ro*mise to pay him Eight shillings a weeke, and soe for every weeke he shall continue this Imploye.

Tolles to be demaunded of goods and Merchandizes passinge over the River Trent from Thrumpton to Viccars Dike.—It is this day ordered by this Councell y*a*t the Sheriffes of this Corporac*i*on for the tyme beinge shall from tyme to tyme demaund the Tolles for passage over the River Trent in all places as accustomed: And vpon refusall of paym*en*t, to take a reasonable distresse: And if such distresse shalbe replevied,[2] the Charges of such suite shalbe defrayed at the Charge of this Corporac*i*on; And such further Course shalbe taken as Counsell shall advise therein. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

1684, Friday, May 16.

Town Tenants.—*Memorand*um, this day M*aste*r Ralph Bennett, M*aste*r Sam*uel* Lealand, M*aste*r Fran*cis* Salmon, M*aste*r Rob*er*t Green, M*aste*r Steven Garner, John Owen, W*illia*m Burrows, Jonathan Symson, Will*ia*m Burgin, W*illia*m Robinson, and Humphrey Barker came and paid their seu*er*all rents in arreare to this Corporac*i*on, and submitted themselves to the charges to be set vpon them by this house; And also made their humble submissions for y*ei*re hitherto deteyning their rents, and opposeing his Maj*es*tye's late gratious Charter, And then rec*eive*d towards ye charges of suite of ye seu*er*all p*er*sons above-named ye su*m*me of twenty-two pounds, w*hi*ch is paid into ye hands of M*aste*r Christopher Reynolds.

Ib., fo. 33.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1009.

[2] To replevy is to re-deliver distrained goods to the owner, on his giving pledges in an action of replevin.

1684, Monday, September 1.

Water Carts.—It is this day ordered by this Councell, y*a*t those p*er*sons y*a*t shall continue the New vse of Carryinge of Water from the River Leene, or other places, for Brewinge, Washinge or other necessary vses, in Carts, or other Carriages on wheeles, shall for the tyme to come vse noe wheeles, but such as shalbe Clogg wheeles, and not bound w*i*th Ironn or Nayles; Vpon payne to Forfeite twoo shillings and Sixe pence, to be Leveyed by distresse.

*The Inh*abi*tants of Snenton.*—Whereas by an order made the 29th day of October, in the 37th yeare of the Raigne of Queene Elizabeth of England, etc., by the then Major and Councell of this Towne of Notting*ha*m, That noe p*er*son beinge a Forryner shall Leade any Manure or Mucke oute of the Towne's Lib*er*tyes vnlesse he pay therefore to the Chamb*er*lyns of this towne[1] for the tyme beinge, for every Carte Loade a Penney, for soe many Loades as they Carry over any pavem*en*t, And y*a*t Snenton Burg' men shall fetch noe mucke oute of this Towne, vnless they doe yearely amend the highway att the Tyle house Lane before Mids*om*mer day, It is this day ordered by this Councell y*a*t[2] the former order be revived and stand in force, and the Chamb*er*lyns for the tyme beinge see this Order be duly executed. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

1684-5, Saturday, March 14.

His Grace, the Duke of Newcastle, being recorder of this Corporac*i*on, and his s*ai*d office of Recordership determining w*i*th ye death of his late sacred Ma*jes*tye King Charles ye 2^{d} of ever blessed memory, The Major, Aldermen and Clothing Councel, being this day assembled for the elecc*i*on of a Recorder, have vnanimously elected his said Grace Henry, Duke of Newcastle, etc., To honour them w*i*th the acceptance of the s*ai*d office.[3] 3452, fo. 16.

CXXXVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1685, May 4.

Ex orientali parte villae Nottinghamiae praedictae.[4]

Imprimis, we doe present William Bilbey and Edward Ashmore for practizinge Phisicke and surgery, not havinge a Licence.

[1] towne,] 'tyme,' MS.

[2] 'That' after 'y^{t}' in MS.

[3] Mr. Charles Bawdes (the successor of Mr. Edge, who died Sept. 4, 1684) was re-elected Town Clerk on the Tuesday following (March 17, 1685), for the same reason.

[4] *Translation:* From the eastern side of the town of Nottingham aforesaid.

Robert Tompson for the same.

Wee doe present Francis Hutchinson, William Bloomer, Mathew Slater, George Shears, Thomas Cow, Thomas Pacy, [and] Roger Radford for killinge vnwholesome meat; we likewise present Josua Ellison and Peter Pearson, beinge wardens of the butchers, for sufferinge the said meat to be sold in the shambles. 90a, ro. 12.

Ex occidentali parte villae praedictae.[1]

We present Mary Kitchen for selling severall Co*m*modities, as Grosery, Candles, sope, Starch, Strong Waters, and Tobacco, not serving seaven yeares to a Groser.

Anne James for the like. *Ib.*, ro. 14.

Iurata Constabulariorum.[2]

We present Elen Jackson, widdo, for her cart Standing in ye Street.

We present John Parker, Last-maker, for not cleansing his dore.

We present Theofalus Neuam for not clensing ouer aganst his dungel in ye Narow Marsh. *Ib.*, ro. 15.

1685, Monday, July 21.

Jurata Constabulariorum.[2]

Wee present John Husse for not paying to common work.

Wee present Mary Childs, widoe, for refeusin' to pay to watch.

Wee present Moncer Shiner for not paying to watch [and] com*mon* work.

Wee present James Chadweek for a Light into a Seler Liing open in to ye heiway.

Wee present Danel Broune for harboring a inmate.

Wee present John Sharp for takeing in inmates.

Wee present Will*iam* Beckworth for refeusing to pay to watch and common work. 90, ro. 1.

CXXXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1685, Thursday, August 6.

Towne's Pewter.—Whereas the Towne's Pewter hath receaved much Damage by beinge lent to Publick Houses, It is therefore this

[1] *Translation:* From the western side of the town aforesaid. These presentments and the following are of the same date as the preceding. [2] *Translation:* The Constables' Jury.

day ordered, That the sa*i*d Pewter shall not from henceforward be lent to any Publick House, vnless the Major and Co*m*monalty be there concerned.

Whereas formerly the Major had but 10 li. quarterly for his Sallery, This house, consideringe the great Expences the Major is at in his Majoralty, (which far exceed his aforesa*i*d Sallery), have vnanimously consented and ordered that 10 li. more, quart*er*ly, shall be ad*d*ed to his Sallery; So that from henceforth the Major for the time beinge shall have 20 li. pa*i*d him quart*er*ly by the Chamb*er*lyns: First Paym*en*t at Xmas. 3452, fo. 20.

1685, Wednesday, August 12.

*Vnder School M*aster.—The Major, Aldermen, and Councell beinge this day assembled for ye Elecc*i*on of an Vnder School M*aste*r in the Roome of M*aste*r Littlefaire, lately deceased, have vnanimously Elected M*aste*r Samuel Byrch to serve in ye aforesa*i*d place.

Ib., fo. 21.

1685, September 9.

Trent Close.—Whereas by the late fall of the Trent Bridges, and by makeing a water-work[1] for the turning ye river, for rebuilding the said Bridges, much of the Land of the sa*i*d Trent Close (being ye Aldermen's Burgesse parts), is worne and taken away, It is thought fit, by the vnanimous consent of this house, that whereas the sa*i*d Aldermen paid 20s. *per annu*m to ye Corporac*i*on as a yearly rent for their p*ar*ticular Burgesse parts, In considerac*i*on of the Losse of the ground aforesa*i*d, and for and in liue[2] of their wages due to them by ye stattute as Justices of ye peace, That they shall, for ye year last past, pay but 5s. a peice for their Burgesse parts, and So also five shillings *per annu*m for ye sa*i*d p*ar*ts for ye future.

Sheep in ye Commons.

It is this day ordered that no manner of p*er*son whatsoever shall put in above six score sheep into ye Feilds or Co*m*mons belonging to this towne; But if any such p*er*son shall overcharge the Co*m*mon, or put in more sheep then his own, vnder the Colour or pr*e*tence of their being another man's, they and eu*er*y of them so offending shall be subject to a penaltye, order, or by-Law menc*i*oned in a certaine ould Table remaining in ye Towne's Hall, or shall stand to such fine as this house shall think fit. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

[1] See p. 322, note 3.

[2] liue = lieu.



CXL.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1685-6, January 18.

Ex occidentali parte villae [*Nottinghamiae*] *praedictae.*[1]

We pr*es*ent Edward Parkinson, of Epperston, for selling one Roand[2] Gelding, on the Markett day, in Nott*ingham*, on the 30th day of May last, vntouled,[3] contrary to the Statute in that behalfe made.

William Pilkinton, of Cropwell Butler, for selling a black Mare, with a Star and dale-back't,[4] in Nottingham, on the Markett day, on the 30th day of May last, and vntoul'd,[3] contrary [to] the Statute in that behalfe made.

We pr*es*ent Edward Jackson, a Baker, for annoying the street called Bridlesmith-gate, with Gosse lyeing in the said Street all night, at severall times.

We pr*es*ent Mary Kitchen for following the Trade of a Grocer (not serving seaven yeares to the same), in Not[tingham] for one Month last past. 90a, ro. 16.

CXLI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1685-6, Friday, February 19.

It is this Day ordered, that such p*er*son or p*er*sons as may make claime to this House for any Burgesse p*ar*te, and doe not bringe a Certificate vnder the Hand of the Minister of the p*ar*ish wherein they dwell, for theire Receiveinge the Sacram*en*t accordinge to the Vsage of ye Church of England, w*i*thin Twelve Months before such Burgesse p*ar*ts shall fall, they shall be Debarred from theire B*urgesse* p*ar*ts. 3453, fo. 13.

1685-6, Monday, March 1.

Thomas Ellott.—Whereas Thomas Ellott haveinge lately lent a Horse to the vse of this Corporac*i*on, and the said Horse by some ill accident dyed vpon his Journey, The said Thomas Ellott beinge very Poore, and petic*i*oning this House for some allowance to ye repairinge of his Losse, They, out of their Charity, have this Day ordered that the su*m*me of Three Pounds shall be forthw*i*th paid to the said Thomas Ellott by ye pr*es*ent Chamb*er*lins, towards his aforesaid Losse.

[1] *Translation:* From the western side of the town [of Nottingham] aforesaid.

[2] *i.e.*, roan.

[3] 'vntouled' = untolled; *i.e.*, without paying the toll due for the sale.

[4] So MS. Dale-back't = hollow-backed?

William Parnham.—Wher[e]as Will*iam* Parnham was discharged from Malting in this Corporac*i*on, being a Forrainer, according to an order made in ye Quarter Sessions, he being not a Freeman of the said Corporac*i*on, He, the said Will*iam* Parnham, submitting himselfe, and paying x. li. for the use of the s*ai*d Corp*oracion*, to be made a Freeman thereof, It is Ordered therefore that He, the s*ai*d Will*iam* Parnh*a*m, shall [be] made Burgess, takeing the Oaths as ye Stat*ute* appoints.[1] *Ib.*, fo. 14.

CXLII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1686, April 19.

Jurata Constabulariorum.[2]

Wee present Tho*mas* Waller, in Beller gate, for ridelling ashes in ye high way.

Wee present John Pasy, att ye bridge-end, for nott carrying away his dirtt.

Wee present M*aste*r Tho*mas* Porter and M*aste*r Banes for denying their horses for ye king's service.

Wee present Joseph Barns for Abusing A constable, and Refeusing to find a hors for the king. 90, ro. 2.

1686, July 19.

Jurata Constabulariorum.[2]

Wee present Will*iam* Beckworth for nott paying to common work and watch.

Wee present Will*iam* Walkden Smith for sweeping ye dirt into common Isew.

Wee present M*aste*r Wileman, in Hound's gate, for sweeping dirt into co*m*mon Isue.

Like wise M*istri*s Clarke, Henery Heely, and Tho*mas* Smith, Joyner, for ye like.

Wee present Jo*h*n Rainols for dirt att his dore.

Likewise M*aste*r Tirpin, and Jo*h*n Person and M*aste*r Kinsey.

Wee present Wid*dow* Peach, att Chapple Bar, for an inmate.

Ib., ro. 3.

[1] At the same time Thomas Whitlock and George Beeston, both 'foreign' maltsters, were made burgesses on similar terms.

[2] *Translation:* Constables' Jury.

1686, Monday, July 19.

Ex Orientali parte villae Nottinghamiae praedictae.[1]

We pr*e*sent M*aste*r W*illia*m Drury, Senior, for Laying muck in the Meddows before S*ain*t Bortholomie day.

Wee pr*e*sent M*aste*r William Drury for anoying ye highway by ye Leene side w*i*th a dung hill.

We pr*e*sent M*aste*r W*illia*m Druery for[2] Laying wood on ye Loe Pauem*en*t, and setting Waggons and Carts there.

Wee pr*e*sent Tho*mas* Ashmore, Mary Caulton, W*illia*m Champion, Eliz*abeth* Linley, at ye 'Beare,' Tho*mas* Midleton, Tho*mas* Sweeting, Jo*h*n Twells, Sarah Vernon, Ellen Willcock, George Walker [and] Dorothy Hall for selling ale w*i*thout Licence, for a month last past.

Wee pr*e*sent Nathaniell Bates for fishing in ye Mayor's Pooles w*i*th quick[3] baite. *Ib.*, ro. 5.

1686, Monday, October 11.

Ex Orientali parte villae praedictae.[4]

Wee pr*e*sent Cal*eb* Wilkinson for kepping open Shope, and falowing the Treaid, on[5] month last past, of a Lether seller, not being appr*enticed*, *contra* [*Statutum*].[6]

Allso, wee present John Wilkinson for falowing The treaid, on[5] month last past, of Last-macker, and kepping open Shope: *idem.*[7]

John Parcker, for ye seame.

Allso, Nat*haniel* Wyld, for keeping opon shope, on[5] month last past, and fallowing ye Treaid of an Vpholster[er], *contra Statutum.*[6]

All so, Mary Keeling, for falowing ye Treaid of a Grocer and Mercer, and kepping open shope for [on[5] month] last past, *contra Statutum*,[6] not being Apr*entice*.

All so, Mary Hart, for Falowing ye Treaid of a Liningdreaper, and kepping open shope for on[5] month last past: *idem*:[7] *contra Statutum*;[6] not being Apr*entice*.

All so, Cham*berlain* Gebson, for falowing ye Treaid of a sord[8] cutler, for on[9] month last past: *idem*:[10] not being Apr*entice*.

[1] *Translation:* From the Eastern side of the town of Nottingham aforesaid.

[2] for,] 'of,' MS.

[3] 'quick,' live.

[4] *Translation:* From the Eastern side of the town aforesaid.

[5] on = one.

[6] *Translation:* against [the Statute].

[7] *Translation:* the same.

[8] sord = sword.

[9] on = one.

[10] *Translation:* the same.

All so, wee pr*e*sent Jo*hn* Hart, John Welch, Tho*mas* Hunt, [and] John Hunt, for a Neance[1] and ste[nch] in Candell-macking.

All so, John Baradell, for kepping a Greyhound, not being quallifyed according to ye Stat*ute*.

All so, wee pr*e*sent William Drewrey, S*en*i*o*r, for a Neance[1] [of] ye streete, with wood, Cartes and Wagons, etc. *Ib.*, ro. 11.

1686, Monday, October 11.

Jurata Constabulariorum.[2]

We Present Widdow Peach for anoying the King's highway, without side ye Chapell Bar, in Not cleering the issue from her malt-house.

We Present Jonathan Simpson for anoying ye street with his Muck.

We Present Widdow Linley, at ye bar, for Brewing without License for 1 Month last past.

We Present William Champion for brewing without license: *idem.*[3]

We Present Paule Sandsbe for brewing without Licence: *idem.*[3]

We Present Anne Stanfeild for Throwing of Muck into the King's highwaye, next her[4] dore.

We Present Henry Archer for forestalling the Markett by buying and Selling of butter and cheese, and for a Higler, not haueing Lycence. *Ib.*, ro. 20.

1686, Monday, October 11.

Ex Occidentali parte villae Nottinghamiae praedictae.[5]

*Impr*imi*s*, Weė Pr*e*sent Edward Browne, Butcher, for selling unwholesome meat.

Item, Gilb*er*t Hutchinson, Butcher, for the like.

Item, Lawrance Gunthorpe, Butcher, for the like.

Item, Thomas Cow, Butcher, for the like.

Item, Will*ia*m Verden, Butcher, for the like.

Item, John Hutchenson, Sen*ior*, Butcher, for the like.

Item, Joseph Cooper, Butcher, for the like.

Item, Roger Radford, Butcher, for the like.

Item, George Linney, Maulster, for forestalling the Market on Saturday last, in Buying of Barley: 2 Cart-loads.

[1] a Neance = annoyance.

[2] *Translation:* Constables' Jury.

[3] *Translation:* the same.

[4] her,] 'their,' MS. 'Their' may refer to husband and wife.

[5] *Translation:* From the Western side of the town of Nottingham aforesaid.

Item, Richard Sewell, Butcher, for a Common Higler, not haueing Lycence.

Item, Will*ia*m Newcombe, Labour*er*, for the like.

Item, John Dunn, Labour*er*, for the like.

Item, Joseph Daft, Barber, for keep[ing] a Dogg to Destroy Noblemen and Gentlemen's Game, not being quallifyed. *Ib.*, ro. 23.

CXLIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council*

1686, Tuesday, November 2.

The heire of Serjeant Williamott.—Ordered, that what arreares shall be found due to M*aste*r Serj*ean*t Williamott, late Record*er* of this Corporac*i*on, for ye yearly Sallarye due to him for his Recordership, shall be paid by the Chamberlaines in some convenient time after the inspection of such arreares. 3454, fo. 8.

1686, Thursday, November 14.

*Ald*erma*n Hall.*—It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Ald*erma*n [Christopher] Hall shall haue 100 li. paid him by this Corpor*acion*, for his extraordinary care and pains for the space of 3 *yea*rs or upwards, in soliciting ye greate affairs of this Corp*oracion*, and also his trouble about ye New Charter.[1] *Ib.*, fo. 9.

CXLIV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1687, Monday, April 11.

Jurata Constabulariorum.[2]

We Present Tho*mas* Ashmore, liueing in the Shoomakers' Booths, for selling ale without A License for 1 Month last past.

We Present Peter Baume, liueing one the Backside, for the same.

We Present Sarah Vornam, liueing one the Longe Rowe, for the same.

We Present John Ward, Liueing at the bridge end, for the same.

We Present Richard Wire, liueing on the Backside, for the same.

We Present Will*iam* Greene, Liueing under Dorathy Hall, for the same.

We Present Will*iam* Barratt, liueing at the Leene side, for the same.

[1] On the 15th April, 1687, the 'Castle and Feathers' on Long Row, formerly occupied by John Toplady, was leased to Alderman Hall for thirty-one years.

[2] *Translation:* Constables' Jury.

We Present John Newcome for selling fish without License.

We Present John Palmore for the same, liueing in Stoney Street.

We Present Nathaniell Chameberlin for the same, liueing in Castlegate.

We Present Thomas Nix for the same.

We Present John Woollmore for the same.

These 5[1] for higglers, Not haueing a license.

We Present James Beardsley, liueing on the Backside, for selling ale without a license.

We Present George Walker for the same.

We Present M*aste*r Baudes for suffering his man to sweep dirt into the chanell.

We Present M*aste*r Hanes for Making a muckhill In Chandler's Lane.[2] 90a, ro. 33.

CXLV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1687, April 14.

	li.	s.	d.
M*aste*r Ald*erman* Petty for a muck Hill at ye Broad Bridg	*00*	*01*	*00*
M*aste*r Hardmeat for a muck hill at Hye Cross . .	*00*	*01*	*00*
M*aste*r Hen*rie* Twentyman for ye like	*00*	*01*	*00*
Henr*ie* Twelves for ye like	*00*	*01*	*00*
Peeter Tompson for not opening his Hedge in ye Middleton walk	*00*	*00*	*06*

1687, April 18.

W*illia*m Peck, *de* Carlton, for an Enchrochment in S*ain*t Marie's gate	*00*	*01*	*00*
M*aste*r Tho*mas* Smith, dyer, for an Enchrochment in Hungate	*00*	*01*	*00*
M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Petty, for Plaster at his dore . .	*00*	*00*	*06*
M*aste*r Jo*h*n Neuill, for Lead at his dore	*00*	*01*	*00*
M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Hall, for wood at Chapell Barr . .	*00*	*00*	*06*
M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Petty, for a muck hill on ye outside Chapell Bar.	*00*	*01*	*00*
M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Hall, for a Muck hill at his Milne .	*00*	*01*	*00*

[1] *i.e.*, from Newcome to Woolmore inclusive.

[2] The roll, the whole of which is here printed, is signed by 'Thomas Wright,' 'Joshua Phipps,' and 'Matthew Hancock.'

	li.	s.	d.
M*aste*r Hen*rie* Twentyman, for not scowring his ditch at Panier Close	*oo*	*oI*	*oo*
John Tomlin, for Enchroching on ye Hye way at Broad lain end	*oo*	*oo*	*o6*
W*illia*m Lockay, Jun*io*r, for a Grindlestone and trough in Shoomaker boothes	*oo*	*oo*	*o6*

Requests.

That ye Chamberlains may scoure the common Show,[1] that comes out of the Narrow Marsh, by the Leen bridge.

That ye Common Issew out of Hyfeild Garden, down by the Milne, [may be scoured].

That the Causey way downe to ye Broad bridge, by the Frier Close, may be mended. 2793.

CXLVI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687, Thursday, November 17.

*M*aste*r* *Wilson.*—Whereas the Contribuc*i*on hath some tyme since (of 15 li. *p*er *Annum*) formerly [been] paid to M*aste*r Wilson, Minister of S*ain*t Peter's, It is this day Ordered that the Su*m*me of 15 li., as afores*ai*d, shall be paid quarterly to ye s*ai*d M*aste*r Wilson, the 1st paym*en*t to begin a[t] Xmas next. 3455, fo. 17.

1687, Friday, December 2.

It is this day ordered that the Quarteridg w*hi*ch is due to M*aste*r [Jeremiah] Cudworth shall be paid by the Schoole wardens, at Christmas day next, to the s*ai*d M*aste*r Jeremy Cudworth. Be it remembered that this pr*e*sent day, the abovesa*i*d M*aste*r Jeremiah Cudworth came p*er*sonally into this house, and voluntarily requested to resign vp his place of Head-Schoolm*aste*r of the Free-schoole of this town, in regard he had happened vpon another pr*e*ferm*en*t, w*hi*ch request was readily granted by this house, and ordered, that for the singular prudent and faithfull Managem*en*t of his s*ai*d office for divers yeares last past, whereby ye s*ai*d school hath very much flourished, that their gratefull acknowledgm*en*ts of his meritts may be recorded in the leiger-book, to remain to posteritye. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

*M*aste*r* *Knight*, *Schoole-Master.*—Whereas M*aste*r Cudworth, formerly Schoolemaster for this Corp*oracion*, came into this house,

[1] Show = Issue, sewer.

and voluntarily surrendered his place of Schoole-M*aste*r, being *pre*fer*re*d to a considerable hireing, in a full house, M*aste*r Knight was unanimously chosen in his place of head Schoolemaster aforesaid.

Ib., fo. 18.

CXLVII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1687-8, January 16.

Jurata Constabulariorum.[1]

We Present John Raynor and Joseph Smith for suffering A Muckhill to lye against theire street Doore, being in Kuckstooleroe.

We Present Madam Raynor for anoyeing The Towne's hall, by suffering ashes to be Layed against it.

We Present Will*iam* Webster for takeing in an Inmate.

We Present Joseph Stirland for suffering Claye and Meaner[2] to lye in ye Street against his Doore.

We Present Widdow Greaues, Liueing in Bridlesmith gate, sweepeing her Muck into ye Chanell.

90a, ro. 21.

CXLVIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687-8, Wednesday, January 18.

The vnder-School-Master.—Ordered, that the su*m*me of Six pounds *p*er *An*num be added to the Salary of the vnder-Schoolmaster, it being thought formerly too small for his Maintenance. 3455, fo. 21.

1687-8, Tuesday, January 24.

Whereas by order of the King's Councell, dated the 13th day of January, the late Major and two of the Aldermen, one of the Sheriffes, and one of the Chamb*er*lyns, w*i*th eight of the upper councill and three of the under Councill of this said Towne, were displaced from theire seu*er*all offices and places, And whereas likewise having rec*eive*d the King's mandate, dated the Fourteenth day of January, directed to the Ald*erme*n and Councill of this Towne, co*m*manding them to elect the p*er*sons hereafter named, viz. John Sherwin, Major, George Langford, Ald*erma*n, Tho*mas* Smith, Ald*erma*n, Jos*eph* Boot, Sh*eriffe*, John Hydes, Coron*er*, T[*homas*] Cooke, Chamb*er*lyn, Robert Marshall, Richard Knight, Tho*mas* Collins, John Nevill, W*illia*m Burrowes, Joseph James, Thomas Poole, Upper Councill-men, W*illia*m

[1] *Translation:* Constables' Jury. [2] *i.e.*, manure.

Cockle, Caleb Wilkinson, W*illia*m Orme, Co*mm*en Councill-men, The Ald*erme*n and Councill afores*ai*d have unanimously elected and chosen John Sherwyn, Major, and the afores*ai*d Aldermen, Coron*er*, Chamber[l]in, Sh*eriffe*, head Councellors and under Councellors, and [they] have severally taken theire respective Oathes of theire Offices, and have done all things according to the purport and intent of the aforementioned mandate. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

CXLIX.—*Order of Privy Council for displacing Members of the Nottingham Corporation.*

1687-8, February 10.

At the Court at Whitehall the 10th of February, 1687.

By the King's most Excellent Ma*jes*ty, and ye Lords of his Ma*jestie*'s most Honor*a*ble Privy Councill.

Whereas by the Charter lately granted to the Towne of Nottingham, a Power is reserved to his Ma*jes*ty, by his Order in Councill, to remove from their Employments any officers in the said Towne, His Ma*jes*ty in Councill is pleased to Order, And it is hereby Ordered, That Jervis Wilde, William Toplady, William Petty, Robert Wortley, Aldermen; Richard Wright, Sherif; W*illia*m Onion, Coroner; Robert Allicock, Chamberlain; John Shipman, Jacob Villiers, Francis Sully, William Jackson, Hugh Walker, John Peake, of ye Councill of Eighteene; Charles Chadwick, Towne Clerke; Christopher Stocks, Robert Abbott, and William Johnson, of ye Councill of Six, Be and they are hereby removed and displaced from their aforesaid Offices and Places in ye said Towne of Nottingham.

John Nicholas. 4692 b.

CL.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687-8, Tuesday, February 21.

Whereas by order of the King's Councill dated the tenth day of this February, Gervas Wyld, W*illia*m Toplady, W*illia*m Petty [and] Rob*er*t Wortley were displaced from being Ald*ermen*, Rich*ard* Wright from being Sheriff, Rob*er*t Allicocke from being Chamberlyn, M*aste*r [William] Unwin from being Coroner, John Shipman, Jacob Villiers, W*illia*m Jackson, Hugh Walker, John Peake [and] Fran*cis* Sulley from being upper-councill men, Christ*opher* Stockes, Rob*er*t Abbott [and] W*illia*m Johnson from being co*mm*en-councill men;

And whereas likewise having rec*eive*d the King's mandate, dated the Eleventh day of February, directed to the Major, Ald*erme*n and Corporac*i*on of this towne, co*m*manding them to elect Ald*erma*n John Hawkins, Ald*erma*n Charles Harvey, Ald*erma*n Joseph Turpin, Ald*erma*n John Huthwaite, Sheriff, John Revill, Coroner, Sam*ue*ll Watkinson, Chamberlyn, Benj*amin* Holmes, Gen*tleman*, Abraham Metcalf, gen*tleman*, John Crisp, gen*tleman*, John Borrodale, gen*tleman*, John Welch, gen*tleman*, [and] Sam*ue*ll Smith, gen*tleman*, Councill of 18, William Banes, gen*tleman*, M*aste*r W*illia*m Belfin [and] John France, gen*tleman*, councill of Six; And accordingly [they] were then vnanimously elected and admitted by the Major, Ald*ermen* and Councell, Chamberlaines and Sheriffes, and have severally taken their respective oaths of their offices, and have done all things according to the purport and intent of the aforementioned Mandate. 3455, fo. 26.

1687-8, Monday, February 27.

Whereas an Address to his Maj*es*tie was read in this house, and being put to ye voate whether it should be pr*e*sented, it was voated[1] by ye Majority[2] y*a*t it should be pr*e*sented, and it was likewise unanimously agreed by this house y*a*t M*aste*r Ald*erma*n Harvey should humbly pr*e*sent the aforesa*i*d Addresse to his Maj*es*tie, being a very fitt gen*tleman* to pr*e*sent ye same; it is also hereby ordered y*a*t he shall haue his charges borne, w*i*th many thanks from this house for his trouble and paines therein. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

CLI.—*Order of Privy Council for displacing Members of the Nottingham Corporation.*

1687-8, March 4.

At the Court at Whitehall the 4th of March, 1687.

Present: The King's most Excellent Ma*jes*ty in Councill.

Whereas by the Charter granted to the Town of Nottingham, A power is reserved to his Ma*jes*ty, by his Order in Councill, to remove from their Imployments any Officers in the said Town, His Ma*jes*ty in Councill is pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered that William Union, William Woollas, John Huthwait, of the Councill of Eighteen, and Charles Chadwick, Town Steward and one of the said

[1] 'Yt' is here inserted unnecessarily in MS.

[2] There were 21 'yeas' against 6 'noes' that the Address 'should have the Common Seal fixed to it, and be presented to His Majesty.'

Councill of Eighteen, be and they are hereby removed and displaced from their aforesaid Offices in the said Town of Nottingham.

Phil.: Musgrave. 4692 b.

CLII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687-8, Thursday, March 8.

Whereas by Order of the King's Councell dated the Fourth day [of] March, William Vnion, William Woollas [and] John Huthwaite, of the Councell of Eighteen, and Charles Chadwick, Town Steward, and one of the said Councell of Eighteen, were displaced from their severall offices and places; And whereas likewise having received the King's mandate, bearing date the Fifth day of March, directed to the Major, Ald*ermen* and Corporac*io*n of this Towne of Nott*ingha*m, co*m*manding them to elect and admitt Joseph Boote, William Moore, Samuel Roades and Roger Hawkesly to be of the said Councell of Eighteen in their room; And likewise co*m*manding them to elect and Admitt Thomas Collins to be one of the Aldermen of the said Towne in the place of Thomas Trigg, who hath refused to be sworne into that office; And accordingly they were then vnanimously elected and Admitted by the Major, Ald*ermen*, Councill, Chamberlins and sheriffs, And have severally taken their respective Oaths of their offices, And have done all things acording to the purport and intent of the aforemenc*io*ned mandate. *Ib.*, fo. 32.

1687-8, Thursday, March 22.

It was Ordered, by the unanimous consent of this house, that the Maj*or* and Ald*ermen*, M*aste*r Nevell, M*aste*r Knight, M*aste*r Crisp [and] M*aste*r Medcalfe,[1] or any foure of them, might from tyme to tyme inspect and take acc*oun*t of all evidences and writings relateing to this Corporac*io*n, to find out the true State of things, and give acc*oun*t of *ye*m to this house; and *ya*t any of the rest of the Councell might have liberty to inspect into the afores*ai*d writeings, evidences, and Acc*oun*ts relateing to ye Corp*oracion* afores*ai*d. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1688, Thursday, April 12.

It was this day Ordered by this house that sixty pounds *p*er *Ann*um shall be paid by ye hands of the Chamberlins; 20 li. to Doctor Crowburrow, 20 li. to M*aste*r Wilson, and 20 li. to M*aste*r Symson, Parsons or Viccars of the 3 seu*er*all Parishes in Nott*ingham*, and the first payment to co*m*mence att Midsu*m*mer next, the afores*ai*d 20 li. a peice

[1] Elsewhere, 'Metcalf.'

to be paid quarterly to ye said seu*er*all Ministers; and this order to continue till a further order be made to disanull it. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

CLIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1688, April 26.

Jurata Constabulariorum.[1]

We Present M*aste*r John Parnell, Steward to the Lady Perpoint, for Causeing severall Cart-loads of Muck to be layed in Barker gate, being a Neusance.

We Present Stephen Towell for A co*m*mon disturber of his Maiestie's peace.

We Present the wife of William Hudson for A Co*m*mon scould.

We Present Mary Clarke for a co*m*mon scould.

We Present John Raynor and Joseph Smith for Teemeing theire house of office muck into A Muckhill in the open Street, as a great Neusance.

We Present Mary, the wife of Roger Ryley, frameworke knitter, for A co*m*mon scould.

We Present the wife of William Feilds for A[2] Common Drunkord and A Disturber of his Maiestie's peace. 90, ro. 24.

1688, April 26.

Ex occidentali parte.[3]

April 21st, 1688: Edward Brown, Butcher, for exposeing to Sale unwholesome Swine's flesh.

Nathaniel Wilde for useing the Trade of an Upholster, and exposeing his Wares publickly upon his Staul, and keeping open Shopp, not being a freeman of the Corporac*i*on of Nottingham. *Ib.*, ro. 25.

CLIV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1688, Friday, May 18.

Whereas a *Quo Warranto*[4] was this day read to us, directed to ye Sheriffes of this Towne ag*ain*st the Charter, returnable ye 21st of May, and beareing *Teste*[5] the second of this Instant May, therefore it is Ordered by the unanimous consent of this house that the Towne-Seale shall be affixed to ye Warr*an*t and Instrument, now also read,

[1] *Translation:* Constables' Jury.

[2] The MS. repeats 'A.'

[3] *Translation:* From the western side.

[4] The writ *quo warranto* was to take away the charter granted by Charles II.

[5] *Teste*=Witness: the leading word of the clause containing the date.

y*a*t impowers one M*aste*r John Cooke, Gent*leman*, one of the Cl*er*kes of the Crowne-office, to appeare for this Corporac*i*on in King's bench, as our lawfull Atturney, to ye Informac*i*on aforesa*i*d, in the nature of a *Quo Warranto*. It is also further Ordered, that the charge relateing to ye *Quo Warranto*, and likewise the Charge of renewing the charter, shall be paid by the Chamberlins, and plas*e*d to ye Acc*oun*t of this Corporac*i*on. 3455, fo. 59.

1688, May 21.

Whereas that Scutt[1] on the South side of the house on the Trent bridge, is thought to Long, as appeares to this house, to be very pr*e*judiciall to the Channell and the house aforesaid, and alsoe to the banks on the other side of the Trent, It is therefore this day ordered, at the request of M*aste*r Ward, that the said M*aste*r Ward shall take vpp soe much of the said Scutt as he shall think convenient; And if it shall happen that the same be pr*e*judiciall by the opinion of this house, then the said M*aste*r Ward doth oblige himselfe to sett downe soe much as he shall take vpp, in as good order as it was before he took it vpp. And vpon the taking vp of the aforesaid Scutt, the said M*aste*r Ward shall give notice to M*aste*r Cooke and M*aste*r Joseph Sylls to view and Mesure the same, who are appointed by this house to view the same. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

1688, Monday, May 21.

Whereas the Charter is now vpon renewing, it is hereby ordered and vnanimously agreed vpon by this house, that the things hereafter menc*i*oned shalbe desired to be put in and left out in the said Charter, as is herein hereafter expressed:

That [in] Elecc*i*on of all Officers, the Major shall only have his voice as Burgesse, vnles there be equality of voats, and then in such case, the Major shall have his casting voate.

2. That that Paragrafe in the Charter, whereby the Major cannot enter vpon his Office after one yeare of his Elecc*i*on, may be mended.

3. That two of the eldest Ald*e*rmen may be of the Quorum with the Major.

4thly. That the faire[2] of the Twenty-third of Aprill and the faire on the first of November, being pr*e*judiciall, may be left out, and our old Faire on S*ain*t Matthias day be restored, and that on S*ain*t Matthew's day shalbe continued. *Ib.*, fo. 61.

[1] 'Scutt,' embankment.

[2] fair,] 'fair*s*,' MS.

1688, Thursday, June 28.

It is this [day] ordered by the Major, Aldermen and Counsell that they, or the Major part of them, shall have power to admitt any person a Burgess of this Corporac*i*on that hath served a Lawfull Apprentishipp in the same to a Burgesse thereof, or to any that hath the Right of a Burgesse in him, regard being had that he be inabled according to the Statute provided for Apprentices in the Fifth yeare of Queen Elizabeth. And none to be sworne but in open Court.

Ib., fo. 69.

1688, Thursday, July 12.

It is this day Ordred, by ye unanimous Consent of this house, that noe publique Feasts shall be hereafter kept by ye Maj*or* as formerly, by reason of the great debts w*hic*h ye Town is in at present.

It is this day Ordred, that Whereas the late Corporac*i*on did allow the Maj*or* 80 li. *p*er *Ann*um for defraying the publique charges and Feasts during his Majoralty:[1] It is therefore Ordred, that Whereas the publique Feasts by Order aforesa*i*d are[2] taken away, that ye Maj*or* hereafter shall haue onely 20 li. *p*er *Ann*um, payable quarterly, for maintaining his Serj*ean*ts, and defraying his year's charges; this abatem*en*t aforesa*i*d is in order y*a*t this Corporac*i*on may, as soone as possibly may [be], gett out of theire great debts w*hi*ch they are at pr*e*sent engag*e*d in; the twenty pounds aforesa*i*d allowed to ye Maj*or* for his Charges shall co*m*mence from Midsu*m*mer last.[3]

Ib., fo. 71.

CLV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1688, July 13.

Ex orientali parte.[4]

*Imp*rimis, Wee present Richard Warriner for puttinge Seauen horses or mares vpon the common meddows, not beinge a burgesse.

Item, Wee present John Bell for puttinge one horse or mare upon the common meddows, not beinge a burgesse. 90, ro. 26.

[1] Majoralty,] 'Majorlty,' MS.

[2] are,] 'is,' MS.

[3] The Mayor agreed to take after the rate of £80 *per annum* from April 23 to June 24, 1688, and afterwards at the rate of £20 *per annum*.

[4] *Translation:* From the eastern side.

1688, July 13.

[*Per*] *Constabularios.*[1]

We Present Robert Harrison, Liueing in Bridlesmith Gate, for A Nucense made against his house.

We Present Richard Merrin, whitesmith, for Refuseing to paye to ye Constable, upon demaund, his due to ye highwayes. *Ib.*, ro. 29.

Ex Occidentali parte.[2]

Wee present Will*iam* Neucombe and his Wife for Regretting[3] the Markett, in Buying Butter and Cheese in the Morning, and selling the same againe in the afternoone the same day. *Ib.*, ro. 35.

CLVI.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1688, Friday, August 24.

Whereas the Right Noble, his grace the Duke of Newcastle, has given a Buck to this Corporac*i*on, and the right Ho*nora*ble, the Earle of Devonshire, has given a Brace, And whereas there was formerly[4] an order made by this house that there should be noe publike Feasts made at the charge of the Corporac*i*on, Yet having rec*eive*d this favour from the said persons of quality, It is this day ordered, that what shalbe expended in makeing a Feast with the said venison shalbe paid by the Chamberlins for the vse of the Corporac*i*on, to be allowed them in their Accounts. 3455, fo. 79.

CLVII.—*Extracts from Correspondence between George Langford, Mayor, and Mr. Tomlinson, Corporation Solicitor, as to New Charter.*[5]

1688, August and September.

Nott*ingham*, August ye 25th, /88.

S*ir*,

I receiued yo*u*rs of ye 23 Instant, vpon which I i*m*mediately went to our good freind, whoe aduiseth that itt is not safe for vs to take a new Charter before Judgment be legally entered against the Last, and therefore desiringe to Stay in towne att p*re*sent, and when

1 *Translation:* By the Constables.
2 *Translation:* From the Western side.
3 *i.e.*, forestalling.
4 formerly,] 'aformerly,' MS.
5 Only a portion of this correspondence is here printed; an indorsement states the letters to have been 'bought at the late Mr. Langford Neville's sale, 1813, by John Rainbow, Town Cryer.'

you finde that ye Judgment is Soe entered, to take a Charter for vs, bearinge Date within as few dayes as shall bee thought fitt with those you are Consearned with, Still, consideringe that the nearer itt comes to the time of ye Judgment, the Safer itt will bee for vs, Least any actions should be Doone in ye meanetime betwixt ye Judgment and ye Charter, but, as yett wee stand Informed, wee Doubt wheather itt bee not best for vs to Lett itt alone till the first day of the next Michelmas Tearme, because wee doe not yett vnderstand wheather or noe the Judgment was entered in ye master of the office his Booke Last Tearme, but must leaue you to aduice vpon that poynt, when you see wheather itt was soe entered, and wheather itt bee safe for vs or noe, if itt bee nott soe entered, which wee are aduised itt will not be; and therefore, I pray, send vs word what the Result of the Councell's opinion is in this case; all the precedent lines are his owne words, therefore esteeme of them, and vse them, to the best aduantage; consider them well; wee would haue you gett a very Learned and honest Councell to aduise with. Wish hime Secresie, and giue hime what money you thinke fitt; a ginney att least, or two if you see cause; wee Leaue itt to you, the case is intricate and materiall, and must not bee Slightily Doone; wee haue Confidence in you that you will act cautiously and faithfully; hee saith you may tell them that you are Consearned with that you are ordered by those that Imployes you for theire Sollicitor, to Stay in Towne att p*re*sent, to See after ye Judgment as aboue said; I haue Somthing more to write, but will send itt by another hand. I pray mind our warrant of Attorney. This is all att p*re*sent; the post Stayes. I rest Yo*u*r Affectionate freind and Ser*ua*nt,

Geo. Langford, Major.

But Least this Letter, goeinge by ye post, should miscarry, I Transcribed itt, and Sent itt by M*aste*r Hawkins' Coach ye Tuesday followinge, beinge ye 28 day, and meetinge with our good freind the day before, hee aduised me to write as followeth; Shewinge him then yo*ur* Letter w*hi*ch was Sent, 'Brother Haruey,' Dated ye 25 of August, from London, from ye same hand, I asked him what he would further aduise; hee said hee had further Considered of one thinge since I spoke with hime on Saturday Last, which was this, viz.: that if Judgment was entered, as the last Tearme and ye charter bear Date a day or two after, that all the time that wee haue

acted Since not haueinge taken ye Oathes of our offices, wee shall bee lyable to punishment for [it], (hee doth not meane ye Test, that ye Kinge hath Dispensed with), and if the Judgment should bee then entered, and the Charter not Dated till now, wee should bee Lyable to punishment for actinge betwixt ye Judgment and Charter; but of the two, ye Last is ye worse; hee saith that his opinion is, that itt is our safe-est and best course, to gett ye Charter Ingrossed, and the first Day of the next Tearme to haue Judgment passed, and ye Day followinge to haue the Charter Dated, and with all conuenient Speede sent Downe, but hee would haue the Councell's opinion in itt, and aduiseth itt may be sent Downe to vs, before any thinge more bee done. I wished hime to name Some Councell wee might depend on; hee said M*aste*r Polexfine was a very worthy man, and none before[1] hime; Soe was M*aste*r Sergeant Manard, and S*i*r George Treaby, but soe far as I could Guesse, hee fancied most Polexfine. Some of these, I pray, aduise with fully, what to doe; itt's a weighty matter, and requires Seriouse and good aduice: the Lord Direct vs. This Day came hither yo*u*r freinds M*aste*r Bowyer and his companion; they Dined with mee, and I hope wee are well pleased one with another, but Keept all private, to preuent Jelosies and mischievous Reports that might Arise. Wee haue good incouragement that wee shall carry itt, for ye members wee Picked vpon; wee are very glad you have the Parchment in yo*u*r keepinge: See it's Safe. This is a Longe Letter, but itt's worth all ye paines. Yo*u*r wife was att my house this night. She and all are well. I haue noe more att pr*e*sent, but that [I] am Yo*u*r Obliged freind and Seruant,

Geo. Langford, Major.

Nott*ingham*, August ye 27th, /88.[2]

The things that are desired to bee altered:

1. That in all elections of Major and other Officers of ye Corporation, ye Major may not have a negative vote upon ye whole bodye, but ye Greater number of votes to make ye election, altho' ye Major dessent, and if ye electors bee equally divided, that side to prevail which ye Major for ye time being shall vote for.

2. The Major and Aldermen are Justices of Peace, the major only is of ye Quorum; so y*a*t, in case of sickness or absence of ye

[1] before=above.

[2] On the margin of the MS. is written: 'A Coppie of ye Letter sent to Mr. Tomlinson.'

Major, ye Sessions of Peace cannot be held. 'Tis desired that ye Duke of Newcastle, Recorder, and ye Recorder for ye time being may bee made Justice of Peace, and that hee, and ye eldest Alderman, may bee of ye Quorum, as well as ye Major.

3. The elections of Major, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Coroners, and other officers of ye Corporation are made by ye Major, Aldermen, Council, and Burgesses who have born ye office of Sheriffs or Chamberlains, and those that have been Sheriffs or Chamberlains doe claim ye libertye of voting in these elections, though they are displaced from ye Corporation, who, being many in number, will carry all elections of Officers at their will.

'Tis therefore prayed that none but ye Major, Aldermen, and Council may Vote in ye said Elections, and yat ye Council of Six may bee increased to a greater number, to bee chosen out of ye Chamberlains and Sheriffs, and to bee called ye[1] Council of ye said Town.

4. The mistake in ye late Charter concerning ye electing ye Major to bee Rectifyed.

5. The two fairs granted by ye late Charter to bee left out, and ye old fairs to bee restored.

6. To leave out ye clauses concerning ye takeing ye Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacye and Tests, and the King's approveing ye Recorder and Town Clerke.

The reason why I intend to increase ye number of the Council of Six, is to let in Such of ye Burgesses as have been Sheriffs and Chamberlains, and are deserving persons, to a Share in ye Government, ye better to exclude ye others. 4752.

Good Master Major,

I gave you ye trouble of a letter about ten days since, to enquire of your new Charter, and what was done in it. Since then, viz[t], this morning, I received ye Inclosed from Master Harcourt, a Clerke in ye Crown Office, who is imployed for ye King in ye *Quo Warranto* against you. Vpon perusal, you will Vnderstand ye contentes; but ye meaning of it I doe not well apprehend, for as to any Surrender of your Charter, there was noe talke of it that I know of, nor can there bee any Legal surrender made by ye present members; but I suppose hee means by surrender, letting ye King take Judgment

[1] Blank in MS.

upon ye *Quo Warranto*; as to that, ye warrant you sent to M*aste*r Cooke to appear to ye *Quo Warranto*, I did not deliver untill I could see ye New Charter in forwardnesse, and y*a*t such a Charter would bee granted you as you might honestly accept of; and, therefore, untill that were setled, I left ye warrant with M*aste*r Marner, to bee kept vntill further order fro*m* you. If all things be setled according to your minds, you may order ye Delivery of it to M*aste*r Cooke as soon as you pleas, if called for; or else, lett ye Sheriffs return ye Su*m*mons they made to the Corporat*i*on; you see ye Inclosed calls for Speed. Pray give my service to M*aste*r Harvye and ye Rest of ye Aldermen. S*i*r, I am,

Y*ou*r and their most Humble Serv*an*t,

Nathn. Wrighte.[1]

Leic*este*r, Sept. ye 13th, 1688. 4759.

CLVIII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1688.

	li.	s.	d.
Febr*uary* 23 and 24th, /87.[2] In Gifts and expenses, when the Major and Alder*r*men went to visit the Duke of Newcastle, besides Coach hire . .	05	00	09
P*ai*d M*aste*r Lambert and M*aste*r Atkinson for their Charge to ye Duke, by ye Majo*r*'s ord*er* . .	00	12	04
1659, fo. 1.			
Aprill 18. P*ai*d John Cooke for setting vpp a Row of Pales at Maylin Hill, going downe to the Marsh	00	00	03
Ib., fo. 7.			
Aprill 30. P*ai*d the Overseers of S*ain*t Marie's, S*ain*t Peter's, and S*ain*t Nicholas, of Lamley Rents, eache theire share, according to custome . .	14	00	00
Ib., fo. 8.			
May 5th. P*ai*d M*aste*r Rawson for ringing by the May*or*'s order at the Elecc*i*on of ye Majo*r* .	00	06	00
May 9. P*ai*d M*aste*r Borradell, M*aste*r James, and M*aste*r Cooke's horses, and ye charge goeing to Lamley	00	06	00
Ib., fo. 9.			

[1] The letter is indorsed: 'For the Right Worshipfull George Langford, Esq*uire*, Major of Nottingham, at his house In Nottingham.' 4759.

[2] *i.e.*, 1687-8.

	li.	s.	d.
July 2. P*ai*d M*ist*r*i*s Jackson for 2 load of Wood from the Coppes, and for a Load of Wood from an house in Bellergate, and a Load of Brick; the Wood was laid in Broad Marsh, and ye brick to the Top of the Long Row	00	06	08
July 7. P*ai*d James Beardsley, and his man Glasenby, for 6 days' worke done this weeke at repairing the Cawsey at[1] the Cawsey Poole, and the Cawsey betwixt Snenton Smithy and the Brick Kill,[2] and for one man to help them one day .	00	13	00
July 7. P*ai*d Tho*ma*s Elliott for 600 of brick, and for the pinfold and Ludlam's house, and 600 ½ of Tiles for the repaires of Ludlam's house, and the beadhouses ag*ain*st M*aste*r Sanderson's, in Pilcher gate	00	18	06
	Ib., fo. 16.		
July 25. P*ai*d for a Dinner and Ale of Tho*ma*s Burton, Sam*ue*ll Webster, and Jo*h*n Hand at the receit of one halfe yeare's Rent of Mansell Park, being 24 li. due at Lady Day last past, and for horshire to Derby, to meet them there, by appointm*en*t of M*aste*r Major	00	06	06
P*ai*d for a Man and horse going over to give them l*egal* notice a monthe before	00	03	10
	Ib., fo. 18.		
Aug. 18. P*ai*d M*aste*r Derry for Chimney money, due Lady Day last past, for the Hall Chimney and the office Chamber Chimney	00	02	00
Aug. 21. P*ai*d M*aste*r Isaac Barker 1 halfe yeare's Rent due to his Grace, the Duke of Newcastle, for the highway to the Castle Leen, due at Lady Day last past	00	05	00
	Ib., fo. 21.		
Sept. 3. P*ai*d to M*aste*r Gregory Melton, 2 Bills, by the Major's order, for horses and other Charges for the soldiers to Loughborow	02	04	00
	Ib., fo. 22.		

[1] 'at' repeated, MS.

[2] Kill = Kiln.

	li.	s.	d.
July 20. P*ai*d M*aste*r Johnson's Bill, by the Major's order, for Ale, beer, and other conveniences, at a feast, at his house, of the Bucks that came from the Earle of Devonshire	09	05	oj
P*ai*d Jo*h*n Newcomb for seafish at that time . .	00	02	06
Paid Cooke Brammar's Bill for what he laid out at that time	00	15	03
For wine and Meat bought by M*aste*r Cooke and paid by the Major's order	04	15	09

Ib., fo. 23.

	li.	s.	d.
Septr. 20. P*ai*d to Jose*p*h Worsopp, A Bill for Carrage of wine to Wollerton, to S*i*r Fr*ancis* Willoughby's, for the vse of the late Corporac*i*on . . .	00	02	00
22. P*ai*d for Lime and Brick, and Workemanshipp, for mending the Goal Harth and Chimney . .	00	03	00
27. P*ai*d Daniel Sarson for dressing the Stares vp to S*ain*t Marie's Church, for one whole yeare . .	00	03	00

Ib., fo. 24.

CLIX.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1688, October 2.

Villa Nottinghamiae, Scilicet.[1]—The Informac*i*on of Frances Wright, Wife of John Wright, of Nottingham, taken vpon Oath the ijd Day of October, 1688, before John Hawkins, Ald*e*rman, and one of his Ma*jes*tie's Justices of the Peace of this Towne.

This Informant saith, That she did Wash a Coate of George Turpin's, and hang it vpon a Hedge in the yard of John Huste, about a yeare since, and vpon search made for the said Coate, this Informant was told it was deliu*er*ed by Hannah Peck vnto Walter Spur, a Taylor, for to be made into some Garment for her vse, and haueing lately seene the said Coate, she saith that the same is the Coate of the afores*ai*d George Turpin's w*hi*ch she washed, and did hang vpon the Hedge, as is before menc*i*oned. Frances Wright.

The Examinac*i*on of Hannah Peck, taken the Day and yeare aboues*ai*d.

This Examinant saith that the above-named Frances Wright did

[1] *Translation:* Town of Nottingham, To wit.

bring the afores*aid* Coate vnto her, and did sell it vnto this Examinant for foure shillings; and three shillings thereof she did then pay vnto the said Frances, vpon the Deliu*ery* thereof; and that this Examinant taketh it to be about 9 or 10 Months since.[1]

her
Hannah × Peck.
Taken by me John Hawkins. marke.

90 a, ro. 45.

CLX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1688, Thursday, October 4.

Whereas his Maj*es*tie was lately gratiously pleas*ed* to grant a New Charter to this Corporac*i*on, w*hi*ch came not to the hands of the Maj*or*, Ald*ermen* and Councell in ye said Charter named, till upon Mich*aelm*as day last about noone; and the Maj*or*, Ald*ermen* [and] Councell therein named, conceiving they had not then tyme sufficient to p*er*use and advise upon the said Charter, p*ro*ceeded to an elleccion in such manner as hath bin foremerly used, w*hi*ch occationed some omic*i*ons and mistakes that day, whereof upon p*er*usall of the s*ai*d new Charter they were senceable; therefore, for rectifying of those omic*i*ons and mistakes, this day, in p*ur*suance of the said Charter, and according to ye authority therein given, George Langford, Esq*uire*, was sworne into ye office of Maj*or* of this Corp*oracio*n before Tho*mas* Smyth, John Hawkins, and John Hydes, Ald*ermen*, in the said Charter co*m*missioned to take ye Oath of the said George Langford. And the said Ald*ermen*, and ye rest of the Councell then pr*e*sent, *videlicet*, Thomas Smyth, John Hawkins, John Hydes, Ald*ermen*, John Nevell, John Barrodale, Richard Knight, Robert Marshall, Will*ia*m Burrowes, Joseph James, Tho*mas* Poole, Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Medcalfe, John Crisp, Joseph Boote, Samuell Roades, Joseph Sills, Caleb Wilkinson, Will*ia*m Orme, Will*ia*m Baynes [and] Will*ia*m Belfyn were all Sworne into their respective offices and places, the day and yeare above-written, before ye said Maj*or*, as appointed by ye s*ai*d Charter before recited.

And likewise, on the sixth day of this Instant October, the

[1] On the following day, 'Samuel Pecke,' described as a laborer, was bound over in £20 for her appearance, to answer to the charge of stealing the coat, at the next Sessions, and George Turpin, described as an ironmonger, was bound over in £10 to prosecute. The result is unknown.

seu*er*all Persons hereunder menc*i*oned were[1] seu*er*ally sworne into theire respective[2] places and offices, *videlicet*, Charles Harvy and Joseph Turpin, Ald*ermen*, and John Welshe; and Charles Bawdes likewise was sworne Towne Cl*er*ke on the eighth day of October following; and on the 12th day Will*iam* Cockle and Will*iam* Moore were[3] sworne on the 12th Instant, and likewise, on the sixth day aforesa*i*d, John Huthwaite and Roger Hakesly[4] were[3] sworne into their offices.[5] 3456, fo. 5.

CLXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1688, October 5.

[*Per*] *Constabularios.*[6]

We Present John Caulton, brewar, for anoying Voate lane with a sinke.

We Present Godferey Cheatham, liueing in the Narrow Marsh, for refuseing [to] pay to Will*iam* Gamble, constable, both ye watch dues and the common worke Dues.

We present Thomas Dod, liueing in Saint Mary's Gate, for refuseing to pay to John Moreley, constable, his watch dues and common worke dues.

We present M*aste*r Will*iam* Pettey, M*aste*r Will*iam* Drury, M*aste*r Thomas Smith, Diar, for leadeing and spreading Muck in the Meddows before Saint Luke's day.

We present Richard Wire for Neglecting to dress the street Goeing Downe from ye Hen Cross and ye chanell where ye Bakers stands. 91, ro. 1.

[7][Wee present] Thomas Alvey for anoying ye Frier Lane with his mucke.

M*istr*is Sara Tabetts, for a heap of Ramell lying at ye shipe[8] pens.

Henery Leper, for saling Alle without a Lisens.

John Glasop, for taking in Inmetts.

[1] were,] 'was,' MS.

[2] respective,] 'rsepective,' MS.

[3] were,] 'was,' MS.

[4] Elsewhere 'Hawkesley.'

[5] Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson, named Chamberlains in the same Charter, refused to act, and William Cockle and Caleb Wilkinson were subsequently elected in their places. Others named in the Charter were not sworn, from absence.

[6] *Translation:* By the Constables.

[7] These presentments, also by the Constables, are undated, but are, probably, of about the same date as the preceding.

[8] 'shipe' = sheep.

M*aste*r William Johnson, for wood and Ramell Liing In Lister Gate, anoying ye street.

Briget Doon and Mary Winte[r], for scoulding one ye Lord's day.

Henery Archer, for anoying ye walle-yard, with his sinke, near Sant Marye's Church.

Samv[e]ll Oing[1] flingin' mocke in to ye Common Vshue.[2]

Wee present Rodger Riley, for beeing dronk [in] Fisher gat, and dissturbing his nighbers with his[3] outcries.

Wee present Jasack[4] Caton for Ciping[5] a disorderle hous.

Wee present William Finn for keeping men plaing att shouell-abord[6] in his seller.

Wee pressent John Cook for beeing dronk on Sabath days.

91, ro. 6.

1688, October 9.

The Examination of Matthew Booker, of the Towne and County of the Towne of Nottingham, Cordwinder, taken this Ninth day of October, 1688, before Joseph Turpin and John Hydes, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the s*ai*d Towne.

This Examinant saith, being in Company on the Twenty-fi[f]th of August, 1688, at his owne howse in the Towne of Nottingham, with one John Derry, of the same Towne, and one Richard Hubboard, of the s*ai*d Towne, and drinking togather, the s*ai*d Hubboard being in Drinke, the s*ai*d Derry and Hubboard disputed about their Learning, and the s*ai*d Hubboard s*ai*d he would lay a wager with the s*ai*d Derry, that he could not take a Greeke verse and turne it into Lattin, and after that into English, and upon that, laid downe five shillings; and the other laid downe five shillings to it, and put it into this Examinant's hand; but afterwards, the s*ai*d Hubboard and Derry calling for more drinke, the s*ai*d Hubboard quarrelled with the s*ai*d Derry, and another man, about their wager; whereupon this Examinant, about Eleven a clocke at night of the same day, did perswade the s*ai*d Derry to leave, and he would go along with him home, and so they did up the Pecke Lane, and then Hubboard followed, and had a mind to quarrell with the s*ai*d Derry againe, and

[1] 'Oing' = Owen.

[2] 'Vshue' = issue.

[3] his,] 'theire,' MS.

[4] 'Jasack' = Isaac.

[5] Ciping = keeping.

[6] shouell-abord = shovelboard, a long board on which persons play by sliding metal pieces at a mark.



so Hubboard falling downe over a rammell[1] heap, left them, and the s*ai*d Derry and this Examinant went to the 'Cage' together, and then this Examinant was desired by the s*ai*d Derry to drinke a can of ale, but this Examinant s*ai*d no, his wife would wonder what became of him, and so parted with the s*ai*d Derry, and came home to his owne house, and went up to his wive's parlour, and lay downe by her, the nurse being by, and discoursed with them; both which was before Twelve of the clocke of the same night.[2] 90 a, ro. 42.

CLXII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1688, October 11 and 15.

	li.	s.	d.
*Impr*imis, Wee present Jesper Dean for stoping the passeg of the Midleturne Jurie	*o*	*oo*	*o6*
2. Thomas Hearson for stoping the same . . .	*o*	*oo*	*o6*
Wee p*re*sent M*aste*r Puffin *pro*[3] Anoying the way beyond Broad Bridg with a Dunghill . . .	*o*	*o1*	*o6*
Wee p*re*sent Widdow Hazard for a Bleach Howse, and keeping 3 Wells open	*o*	*o5*	*oo*
Wee present Robert Allycock *pro idem*[4]	*o*	*o5*	*oo*
Wee present John Huchenson for stoping the Midleturne Passeg in his Closs	[5]*o*	*oo*	*o6*
Thomas Willomett for a Clogg at his doare . . .	*o*	*oo*	*o4*
Thomas Wright, Baker, in Fisher Gate, *pro idem*[4] . .	*o*	*oo*	*o4*
Wee P*re*sent William Gamble for Anoying The Bridg End with a Saw Pitt and Wood	*o*	*o2*	*oo*
Wee p*re*sent M*aste*r William Drewry for a Large Clogg Lying in the Broad Marsh	*o*	*oo*	*o6*
Wee Present Jossua Walker for Anoying the Low Pavement with Plaister	*o*	*o1*	*oo*
Wee P*re*sent Isaac Bunny for an Incrochment at the East end of Castle-gate	*o*	*o1*	*o6*
Wee Present John Hazard *pro*[3] Annoying ye Co*m*mon without the Barr, with a Dunghill	*o*	*o1*	*oo*

[1] rubbish.

[2] The mark of Matthew Booker, as '*H*ooker,' and the signatures of Aldermen Joseph Turpin and John Hydes are appended to this statement.

[3] *pro*=for.

[4] *pro idem*, for *pro eadem offensa* (for the same offence).

[5] 'Peeter Fetherston' was fined 1s. for the same offence in his two closes.

	li.	s.	d.
Wee Present Robert Tow for building and Incloseing vpon the Common without the Chappell Barr .[1]	0	02	06
John Hart *pro*[2] nott scowring the Issue at Tyler's Close	0	01	06
Master William Drewry for Anoying the Low Pavement with Wood and stone	0	02	06
Master Thomas Trigg, *pro*[2] Anoying the street with Casks[3]	0	01	06
Widdow Poynton, a Dunghill one[4] backside	0	00	06
George Stacey, *pro*[2] a Dunghill and haystack	0	01	00
Henrie Twells for Laying wood one[4] topp of Sheep Lane	0	01	00
Widdow Beardsley, an Incroachment by hir porch and Gardin	0	01	00
Goodman[5] Mabbett, a Porch Incrochment	0	00	06

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CLXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1688, Wednesday, October 24.

It is this day ordered by this house, that the Charge and expence which hath been occacioned by the wounds and Bruises that James Carruthers (a Scotchman and Soldier vnder the Command of Major Monrow, of the Lord Dumbarton's Regiment), received at Nottingham, shalbe defrayed and payed by the Corporacion of Nottingham, and by the hands of one or both of the persons aforesaid,[6] *videlicet*, William Cockle and Caleb Wilkinson. 3456, fo. 13.

1688, Saturday, December 8.

Whereas, this Corporacion has been importuned by severall Lords to raise money towards the defrayinge the Charge of the Soldiers kept for the guard of the Princes Ann of Denmark, And whereas the Corporacion is much in debt, therefore the Corporacion have desired Alderman Hawkins, Master Thomas Cooke, Master Samuel Watkinson, Master John Borrodale, and Master William Moore, or any three or more of them, to gather of all persons within this Cor-

[1] Three other presentments follow against others for the same offence.

[2] *pro* = for.

[3] Presentments against seven other persons follow for the like offence.

[4] one = on.

[5] 'Goodman' = gaffer; 'a slight appellation of civility; generally ironical.' (Johnson). Lowland Scotch, *gude man*.

[6] Mentioned in the preceding entry on the same page of the Council Book.

poracion, such summe or summes of money As they or any of them shall think fit to give for the vse aforesaid; And the aforesaid Collectors to pay in such money as they collect, to Master Alderman Hawkins; And Master Alderman Hawkins to give an Account to this Corporacion; And that the aforesaid Collectors shall, from tyme to time, call to their assistance such persons as they shall think fitt to help them in the busines aforesaid. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1688, Monday, December 24.

John Hawkins.—Whereas there was an order made the Eight day of December Instant, for the Collecting of money, As by the said order may appear, And whereas the said Colleccions fall short of what was expected, This Corporacion have thought fitt to add to the said summes Collected, the summe of one hundred pounds, desiring Alderman Hawkins to pay the said summe of one hundred pounds, to be reimbursed by the Income of the Corporacion. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1689, Monday, April 1.

Master Walker.—Whereas the late Corporacion promised Master Hugh Walker, over and above his Sallery as Bridge Master, the summe of Tenn shillings for his extriordinary care and pains about the Bridges for the last yeare; It is this day ordered, that Master Joseph James, one of the Bridg Masters, Doe pay to the said Master Walker the summe of Tenn shillings, in pursuance of the said promise. And it shalbe allowed him in his Accounts. *Ib.*, fo. 40.

Master Wilson.—Whereas we are informed that the late Corporacion tooke 30 li. per Annum from Master Wilson, Minister of the parish of Saint Peter's in the Towne of Nottingham, from December, 1682, till Michaelmas, 1684, in which time he was damnifyed thereby about sixty pounds; And whereas they, at the importunity of a person of quality, did at Michaelmas, 1684, order the said Master Wilson 15 li. per Annum, which was paid him proporcionably for halfe a yeare; and then at Lady day, 1685, they suspended the same, which suspension was continued till Midsommer, 1688, in which tyme they kept from him, of the said 15 li. per Annum, the summe of 45 li.; And whereas the said Master Wilson did desire this house that Inquiry might be made into the reason of the aforesaid suspensions, that if they were not good and allowable by the said house, he might have the same restored to him again; wherevpon enquiry has accordingly been made, and nothing appears of any just cause for the suspension

of the said 15 li. a yeare, and therefore this house has this day ordered that the Arrears of the said 15 li. a yeare, which comes to 45 li., shalbe paid him by the Chamberlains, As soon as the Corporac*i*on is out of debt, and in good condic*i*on to pay the same. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

CLXIV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1689, Thursday, April 18.

	li.	s.	d.
[Wee present] Gesper Deane, of Wilford, for not opening A passage in his Close for the Middelton Jury .	*o*	*o*	*6*
[1]. . . . Hardmeate, for A Dunghill betweene ye feild, pinfould, and ye High Cross	[2] *o*	*o*	*6*
Thomas Eliot, for A Brick kilne upon the plaines . .	*o*	*5*	*o*
William Stubbins, for not openinge A Gapp for ye Middelton Jury	*o*	*o*	*6*
George Arnold, for not Scoweringe A Ditch w*hi*ch Comes for[th] A springe in the Gossey Close, Neare to the neare Coppy Gate	–	*o*	–

1689, Monday, April 22.

	li.	s.	d.
Hellen Jackson, for Anoyeinge Hallifax Lane with A Dunghill	*o*	*o*	*6*
James Flint, for earth lyeinge under his pales in Marye's gate.	–	*o*	–
M*ist*r*i*s Burton, for A seller[3] in Carter gate	*o*	*1*	*o*
Widdow Warde, for a Dunghill in the Narro Marsh . .	*o*	*o*	*6*
M*aste*r Thomas Fillingham, for stoupes[4] at his doare, in ye Narro Marsh	*o*	*o*	*6*
Joshewa Walker, for plaister lyeinge at his Doare, on ye Lowe Paym*en*t	*o*	*o*	*6*
Christopher Wood, for stoppinge A Common Issew, in ye bottom of ye Glasshouse Lane	*o*	*1*	*o*
M*aste*r W*illia*m Petty, for A Dunghill on ye owte side of Chappell Barr	*o*	*1*	*o*
M*aste*r Parker, for two porches, and two little Gardens to two Tennements, on ye back side; Widdow Berdesley and Widdow Seawell beinge tennants .	*o*	*1*	*o*

[1] Blank in MS.
[2] Three other persons were fined for the like offence.
[3] 'seller,' cellar.
[4] posts.

	li.	s.	d.
M*aste*r Cristopher Rennoldes, for A sinke in Woolpack lane; and, Alsoe, for Anoyeinge ye saide Lane with muck at his back doare	*o*	*1*	*6*
John Caulton, for Remoueinge A bridge in ye Middelton's walke, in Butchers' Closse	*o*	*1*	*o*
M*ist*ris Smith, for An encroachm*en*t of A Chimny, in ye Houlmes	*o*	*o*	*6*
M*aste*r Tho*mas* Smith, ye Dyer, for Anoyeinge ye highway with A muck hill, neare to Roasemary Lane end	*o*	*1*	*o*
Greaseley, of Lenton, for Blockinge up the way with rammill, betwixt Roasemary Lane end and ye Fryer wall	*o*	*o*	*6*
Widdow Fitch Williams, for A swine Coate, at ye topp of Bearward lane	*o*	*o*	*6*
M*aste*r W*illia*m Cockle, for Caskes at his Doare	*o*	*o*	*6*
M*aste*r Francis Haynes, for Rammill in ye Bottle lane	*o*	*o*	*6*
M*istri*s Parsons, for A seller Hed lyeinge open in ye Midle Payment	*o*	*1*	*o*

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CLXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1689, June 10.

[1]*Memorand*um, that upon the 10th day of June, 1689, M*aste*r Edw*ar*d Bartliffe came to me,[2] about 12 of the clocke, with a paper intitled, 'A declaration of his most sacred Majestie, King James the 2nd, to all his Lo*yal* subjects in the Kingdom of England,' and told me he had received it by the post in a blanke paper; but the person that sent it he knows not. 3456, fo. 50.

1689, Friday, July 5.

Whereas it was this day moved, at the Instance of the Right Hon*oura*ble, the Earle of Kingston, whether the Tenn pounds taken from the Minister of S*ain*t Marie's Church, And given to the other two Ministers of S*ain*t Peter's and S*ain*t Nicholas' Churches, should again be restored; It was this day, by the vnanimous Consent of this house, ordered, that the said Tenn pounds soe taken away As aforesaid should be continued As now disposed; And that M*aste*r Major,

[1] Quoted in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1038. [2] The then Town Clerk, Charles Bawdes.

or some of the Ald*ermen*, shall signify this order to my Lord Kingston, if his Lordshipp require it. *Ib.*, fo. 50.

1689, July 10.

Free School.—Whereas Aldris[1] Parker's late Burgess part, being School Land, is by this house ordered to be returned to the School, Soe, likewise, It is this day ordered, that all other Burgess parts that are in the Free School Land, shall returne to the school, As they shall fall. *Ib.*, fo. 54.

1689, Tuesday, July 30.

*M*aster *Th*omas *Smith*, *Ald*e*r*man.—*Memorand*um, that M*aste*r Ald*erman* Smith hath appeared this day before this house, and hath declared his willingnesse to serve this Corporation to the best of his power and skill; but that he cannot recieve the Sacrament according to the church of England; and so cannot quallifie himselfe, as the Law doth require.

Barbara Taylor.—Whereas this house hath heretofore disposed of the Almes-houses in the White rents as they did become empty, Therefore, it is this day ordered, that Barbara Taylor shall have that room out of which Widdow Radford died, and is now vacant, though the vacancy was formerly disposed of by Trustees elected by this house, which this house now thinke fit, for good reasons, to lay aside and dispose of it themselves. *Ib.*, fo. 55.

1689, Saturday, August 10.[2]

Whereas M*aste*r Ald*erma*n Smith, M*aste*r John Nevill, Coroner, M*aste*r Thomas Pool, M*aste*r Benjamin Holmes, M*aste*r John Welch, M*aste*r Joseph Sylls, M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Roads, and M*aste*r William Belfin, Members of this house, have declared to this house that they cannot qualifie themselves, by taking the Sacram*ent* soe As the Act of Parliament directs, to Act in their severall places in this Corporac*i*on, Therefore, this house, in pursuance of the said Act of parliam*ent*, have thought fitt to remove and dismiss the above-named persons from their severall places And Offices; And accordingly they were all this day dismissed.[3] *Ib.*, fo. 57.

[1] Aldris = Aldermaness. [2] 'Die Saturni *nono* die Augusti,' MS. *Translation:* Saturday, the *ninth* day of August. It was, however, the tenth.

[3] Samuel Smith, of the Head Council, was also 'dismissed' the same day.

1689, Wednesday, August 14.

Whereas there was a vacancy of severall of the Councell by the not qualifying themselves, As the Statute directs in relation to the Sacram*en*t onely; And, whereas, notice was given to the Burgesses that there would be an Elecc*i*on of other Members in their room at seven of the Clock, yesterday, in the forenoon; Accordingly, proceeding, after the said tyme, to Elect, M*aste*r Nicholas Miller, M*aste*r Will*ia*m Stirrupp, M*aste*r Thomas Hardemeat, M*aste*r John Ross, M*aste*r John White, M*aste*r John Wingfeild and M*aste*r Joseph Briggs were, by majority of votes, chosen by the Major, Ald*erme*n, and Burgesses to be of the head Councell; And M*aste*r Francis Armstrong was, by majority of votes, chosen to be of the Councell of six, in the room of M*aste*r Belfin; M*aste*r John Nevill, M*aste*r Tho*mas* Pool, M*aste*r Benjamin Holmes, M*aste*r John Welch, M*aste*r Joseph Sylls, M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Smith [and] M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Roads; And, accordingly, the said M*aste*r Stirrupp, M*aste*r Hardemeat, M*aste*r Ross, M*aste*r White, M*aste*r Wingfeild, M*aste*r Briggs, and M*aste*r Armstrong were all sworne into[1] their seu*er*all places. The said M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Smith did not refuse to qualify himselfe, but refused to be of the Councell, and, at his request, was discharged from the Councell.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 61.

1689, Wednesday, August 28.

*Memorand*u*m*, That vpon this day, the Twentith day of August Instant, M*aste*r William Greaves was,[3] by the Majority of Voats of the Major, Ald*erme*n, and Burgesses, chosen of the head Councell in the room of M*aste*r John Borradell, who is gone into the King's service into Ireland. And accordingly the said William Greaves was[3] sworne into the said Office of head Counceller. *Ib.*, fo. 63.

1689, Friday, August 30.

Whereas the Burgesses have lately Chosen severall persons to bee of the Councell of this towne, who refuise to act therin vpon ye accountt of ye old Charter, they Lookeing vpon itt to bee still in force, from whence they conclude y*a*t they ought not to joyne with or act vnder any other Authority then[4] what is grounded vpon y*a*t Charter; therefore ye Councell, taking occation from thence, doe

[1] 'into' is here repeated in MS.

[2] On the same day Mr. John Crisp was chosen Alderman in the room of Mr. Alderman Smith, and Mr. James, Coroner, in the room of Mr. John Nevill, who was dismissed.

[3] was,] 'were,' MS.

[4] then = than.

thinke fitt, for there owne vindication and others' satisfaction, to assert and declare y*at* they are and euer were for ye said old Charter, and euer did and does looke vpon ye pretended Surender of y*at* Charter to bee fraudulant and sureptitious; and y*at* ye new Charter, obtained there vpon, was Illegall and vnjust; and they euer did and doe highly approue, owne, and co*m*mend all those who stood for ye old charter, as they themselues in theire private Stations and capacitys euer did, nor would they[1] haue accepted of ye late King's[2] Mandates, but to serue the towne, and to free them from a company of ill men, who had noe Legall right to there places, and who had very much oppressed, enslaued, and abuised the Towne; And for these reasons and ends, and to prevent those men from[3] coming in againe, and to secure the goverment till the old charter should bee restored, they, vpon the *Quo warranto*, procured a new Charter, not out of any dislike to the old one, but out of necessity, they being aduised to itt, and ye time then not permitting the restoration of that Charter; by which new Charter they haue hithertoo, to the seruise of the Towne, keept out the new-Charter men, and haue acted as much as they could vnder itt, according to the rulls of the old Charter, and to the seruise and interest of all those y*at* were friends to itt; soe that, in truth, the old Charter, euer since ye new-Charter men was turned out, hath beene vertually Amongst us; for they haue euer owned itt, and persued itt in all the manie points of itt; and they haue done all they can to haisten and haue itt, till when that they must either act by the authority they haue, or dissert ye goverment; but y*at* they[4] may not, must not, nor dare not doe, and therfore they must doe ye first; and who euer Blames them for itt, or will not assist them in itt, are, they thinke,[5] very much to blame. *Ib.*, fo. 65.

1689, Monday, September 30.

Councell.—Whereas there hath been great Inconveniencys by the Councels neglecting to come to this house, according to the Summons given them, And, when mett, departing the Councell without Lycense; It is this day, therefore, ordered by the Majority of voats of this house, that when any of the Councell neglects to appear, or attend this house by the space of halfe an hour after the time appointed, or depart the

[1] they,] 'ye,' MS.
[2] James the Second's.
[3] from,] 'for,' MS.
[4] they,] 'ye,' MS.
[5] 'are' is here unnecessarily inserted in the MS. apparently at a later period, the ink being much darker than that of the rest of the minute.



house w*i*thout licence, for every such failer they shall forfeit the sum*m*e of Twelve pence, to be given to the vse of the poor, As this house shall think fitt.

*Memorand*u*m*, Whereas M*aste*r Ald*erma*n Langford hath five shillings Earnest money in his hands, It is this day, therefore, ordered by this house, that the aforesaid Five shillings shalbe given to the Frenchman that is at Truelow Green's, being a great Act of Charity.[1]

3457, fo. 7.

1689, Friday, October 4.

*Memorand*u*m*, It is this day ordered, that the two Sherriffs, the Two Chamberlains M*aste*r Cooke and M*aste*r Stirrupp, shall view the Towne-Goal, and see what is their requisite to be done; and to give in their report the next Hall day.

*Memorand*u*m*, It is this day ordered, that all Lands and tenem*en*ts w*i*thin the pr*e*cincts of this Towne shalbe equally Assessed for the releife of the poor, for the Church, And, according As the Statute directs, for the King.

*Memorand*u*m*, It is this day ordered, that Neither the Chamberlains, Bridg Mast*e*rs, or Schoolwardens shall lay out any money vpon any extriordinary occas*i*ons, without the Consent of the Councell.

Ib., fo. 9.

1689, Friday, October 25.

Whereas Joshua Carrington, Barber, was shott in ye back, he being upon the Watch for this Corporac*i*on, w*hi*ch said shott endangered his life; and likewise was to his great damage, and loss in his trade, and great charge in the Cure; It is, therefore, unanimously agreed by this house, that the Chamberlyns shall pay M*aste*r Ald*erma*n Langford ye sum*m*e of Forty[2] shillings for his extraordinary care and Cure of the said Joshua Carrington aforesaid, w*hi*ch said sum*m*e shall be allowed by this Corporac*i*on.

It is this day Ordred that the Chamberlyns shall send for to ye Exchequer, etc., a new quart*er* of hundred averdepois, from halfe an Ovnce to a Draum; and of Troy Waites from a q*uar*t*er* of an Ounce to a Dram; and charge shall be paid by ye Corp*oracio*n.

Ib., fo. 15.

[1] On the 13th December following, Mr. 'Bigee,' or 'Bigge' (spelt both ways in the Council Book), a French Protestant, was allowed £20, as 'an object of charity.'

[2] Forty,] 'Fotry,' MS.



1689, Friday, November 8.

It is this day Ordred y*at* M*asters* Chamberlins and M*aster* Rose and M*aste*r Briggs shall agree w*i*th M*aste*r Smyth, or any other Person, to paint ye Duke of New Castle's and ye Lord of Kingston's Armes, and shall be allowed by ye Corporacion.

[1]It is also Ordered, that what Guns, etc., shall be taken away from any Person in this Towne y*at* is supposed to kill any of ye King's deere in ye Forest, such Guns, etc. shall remaine in the hands of ye Maj*o*r or ye Justices of the Towne, and if any trouble shall arise by ye detaining of the Guns aforesaid, shall be defended at ye charge of the Corporac*i*on. *Ib.*, fo. 17.

1689, Friday, November 22.

Resolved, That M*aste*r Maj*o*r be requested to treat with M*aste*r Baudes,[2] that he take M*aste*r Athorpe to be his deputy in the office of Towne Clarke, and that speedily, or else diligently officiate himselfe.

*Sir Will*ia*m Stanhope.*—Upon the receipt of a letter from S*i*r W*illia*m Stanhope, dated the 18th of Nov*embe*r, 1689, requesting M*aste*r M*ajo*r and the justices of the peace to seize all gunns and dogs of persons suspected to dammage his Majestie's Game, and alledging that he and his deputy hath power to do it themselves:

Resolved, That if S*i*r Will*ia*m Stanhope, by his Servant, shall give notice who they are in this Towne that keep such gunns and dogs, upon such complaint M*aste*r Maj*o*r and the justices of peace are requested to seize such into their custody, that the King'[s] chase may be pr*e*served, and the corporation interest secured.

Resolved, That the Chamberlaines be ordered to pave the passage from S*ain*t Nicholas church-yard to Widdow Chambers' house in Castle gate. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1689-90, Tuesday, January 14.

It is this day ordered, that whatever businesse is done that belongeth to the Towne Clerke'[s] office, if he Neglect the same, shall be paid to the persons that do it by the Chamberlaines, and stopped out of the Towne's Clerke's salary.

It is this day ordered, that M*aste*r Pywell shall have Three pounds allowed him by the Corporation for the hire and losse of his horse, which was pressed by the Maj*o*r's order, in the year 1688, for the King's service, in the time of the rebellion of Dumbarton regiment. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1038. [2] Mr. Charles Baudes, the then Town Clerk.

[1]It is this day ordered, that if the King and Queen, or eether of them, shall passe or repasse through this Corporation in his or her Majestie's journey into Scotland, or from Scotland, that they shall be Received and entertained as former Kings and Queens have been by this Corporation, and at the charge of this Corporation.

[2]It is this day ordered, that whereas Three pewter dishes, and Twelve plates, of the Towne-pewter, were lent to the Right Hon*o*rable, the Earl of Devonshire['s] service, when in this Towne, at the Comeing in of the Princess of Denmarke, and was lost, though M*aste*r Langford, the[3] then Maj*o*r, tooke all the care he cold[4] about it, the losse shall be the Towne's, and M*aste*r Langford discharged of them. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

It is this day ordered, that if M*aste*r Ellis shall come to the Benefit of the Vicaridge of S*ain*t Mary's, in the room of D*octo*r Crobrow, that M*aste*r Ellis shall have Twenty pounds a year paid him by this Corporation.

It is this day ordered that the schoolmaster'[s] house shall not be repaired *per*[5] this Corporation. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

1689-90, Thursday, March 11.

It's this day ordered by this house, that the Mayor[6] shall at all times hereafter (when there is need and occasion for it, whether in the absence, or thro' ye neglect, of M*aste*r Bawdes), make vse of M*aste*r Lawrence Athorpe for his advice and assistance in all the Towne's busines, who is this day by this house appointed deputy Town Clerk: and y*a*t he shall be allowed and sattisfyed for his care and paines therein according to reason.[7] *Ib.*, fo. 27.

1690, Tuesday, April 15.

*Cham*ber*lins.*—It is this day Order'd, that ye Chamb*e*rlins shall allow the charge of ye keeping and sending away ye suspected Seamen lately sent away to Stockwith. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

1690, Thursday, May 8.

It is this day Ordered, that if ye Arch-Bish*o*p of Yorke comes to

[1] Noticed, but not quoted *in extenso* by Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1038.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1039.

[3] *the,*] 'then,' MS.

[4] 'cold' = could.

[5] *per* = by.

[6] So MS.: hitherto 'Major' or 'Maior.'

[7] Immediately after this entry, which is in a strange hand (probably Alderman Turpin's), is the following ironical comment, apparently in the handwriting of Mr. Bawdes, Town Clerk: ☞ 'a learn'd Order.'

this Towne, that it shall be refer*re*d to M*aste*r M*a*j*o*r and [ye] Ald*er*-*me*n, to send him a present, as ye Maj*o*r and Ald*erme*n shall thinke fitt. *Ib.*, fo. 33.

1690, Monday, May 19.

It is this day Ordered, that the Maj*o*r and Ald*erme*n shall always come into Councell in their Gownes, and the Councell-Men in their hanging[1] Coates; if they do not, they shall forfeite the Su*m*me of twelve pence. *Ib.*, fo. 36.

1690, Monday, May 26.

Quaere, Whereas there are five Mandamuses served upon this Corporac*i*on, requiring the pr*e*sent Maj*o*r, Ald*erme*n, and Burgesses of this Corporac*i*on to restore Gervas Rippon, Esq*ui*re, into ye office of Maj*o*r, and Will*ia*m Petty, Gen*tleman*, Will*ia*m Toplady, Gen*tleman*, [and] Rob*er*t Wortley, Gen*tleman*, to ye offices of Ald*er*men, and John Scattergood into ye office of Sheriffe of the said Towne; or Shew cause to ye contrary, whether the afores*ai*d p*er*sons shall be restored, or cause to be shew*e*d to ye contrary, p*ur*suant to ye aforesaid Writts: It is this day Ordered that cause shall be shewed why the aforesaid Persons shall not be restored into their seu*er*all places, according to ye aforesaid Mandamuses. *Quaere*, whether ye charge of shewing cause afores*ai*d shall be allowed by this Corporation? It is this day Ordered, that the charges of shewing cause for ye not restoring ye Persons aforesaid shall be allowed by this Corporac*i*on. *Ib.*, fo. 40.

[2]Whereas the Gent*le*men in the Country are desirous that this Corporation would raise moneys, to purchase a peice of Plate to be run for at the horse-race, as formerly there hath been; and whereas M*aste*r Christopher Renolds hath in his hands Four pounds, Two shillings, that was left of a former horse-race; therefore, this House being willing to gratifie the said Gent*le*men in their request, do consent, that if M*aste*r Rennolds will bring in his moneys, there should care be taken for a peice of plate. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

1690, Tuesday, June 10.

Whereas the Councell is sattisfied, upon good information, that M*aste*r Bauds[3] hath divulged the secretts of the s*ai*d Councell, and

[1] 'hanging' = depending, or falling loosely on the lower part.

[2] Noticed in Bailey under wrong date of 1689, vol. iii., p. 1038.

[3] Or Bawdes, the then Town Clerk.

hath also very lately declared to them, that he would do so, contrary to his oath and trust; Therefore, it is this day ordered, that when ever anything of waight, fit to be concealed, is to be debated in the Councell, if he be there, he shall be desired to withdraw; and if he refuse, y*at* nothing of that nature shall be p*ro*ceeded upon.

And it's also further ordered, that M*aste*r Maj*o*r shall have the keeping of his owne Books. *Ib.*, fo. 46.

[1] 1690, Monday, June 16.

Whereas Gervas Rippon, W*illia*m Toplady, W*illia*m Petty, Robert Wortley, and John Scattergood have brought their severall Mandamuses, and have proceeded to *plures* mandamuses therein, to restore the s*ai*d Gervas Rippon to be Maj*o*r, W*illia*m Toplady, W*illia*m Petty, and Robert Wortley to be Aldermen, and John Scattergood to be one of the Sheriffes of the Town of Nott*ingham*, directed to the Maj*o*r, Ald*e*rmen, and Burgesses of the s*ai*d Towne of Nott*ingham*; We, ye s*ai*d Maj*o*r, Ald*ermen* and Councell, being this day assembled in Councell, do hereby order and give full power and Authority unto Lawrence Athorp, gent*leman*,[2] Attorney at Law, to make and endorse such returns or returnes upon[3] the s*ai*d severall Mandamuses, As S*ir* Geo*rge* Treby, K*nigh*t, their Majesties' Attorney-Generall, S*ir* John Somers, Kn*igh*t, their Maj*es*ties' Solicit*o*r Generall, Alexander Stanhope and Ralph Grange, Esq*uire*s, Councell*o*rs at Law, shall direct; and, for so doing, this order shall be his, the s*ai*d Laurence Athorpe's, warrant. *Ib.*, fo. 48.

1690, Monday, June 30.

[4]Whereas the Co*m*mon Counsell hath been this day credibly informed, that there is and hath been a very dangerous designe, contrived and carried on by a disaffected party of this Towne, for the disarmeing of all or most part of their Majesties' best and most loyall subjects here, who, at the King's first comeing in, shewed themselves most forward with their hands and purses for the carrying on of that excellent revolution, and have ever since been most zealous and ready to serve their Majesties, and to p*r*eserve the Governm*en*t w*i*th their lives and fortunes to the utmost of their power; and the Counsell

[1] The minutes are dated 'Die Lunae, *Decimo tertio* die Junii' (Monday, the *thirteenth* day of June). Monday, however, was June 16, the 13th June being Friday.

[2] Deputy Town Clerk: see *ante*.

[3] 'and' is here inserted in the MS.

[4] Noticed and quoted in part by Bailey, vol iii., pp. 1041 and 1042.

considering ye dangerous consequences of such an attempt, and how much it may prejudice their Maj*es*ties' interest, and advance the late King's, at this time especially, Have this day ordered, that a speedy and diligent enquiry be made into this thing, and that if it appear to be soe, y*a*t then notice be immediately given thereof to their Majesties, and their most Hon*o*rable Privy Councell, y*a*t such ord*er* may be taken therein as they shall thinke fit. And it is also further ordered by this Councell, that application be further made to M*aste*r Hutchinson, one of o*ur* representatives in Parliam*en*t, to desire him to acquaint the Right[1] Hon*o*rable, the Earl of Kingston, as soon as may be, with this order, and to let his Lordship know, that if he will please to give this Corporation leave, they will informe his Lordship who in this Towne they have reason to suspect are disaffected to the Governm*en*t, that care may be tooke of them; and, further, to signifie to his Lordship that this Corporation is alltogether ignorant of any-thing they ever s*ai*d or did to disoblige his Lordship; but, if they have, and they may but know it, they are ready to acknowledge it, and beg his Lordship[s] pardon for it; and also to let his Lordship know y*a*t the Councell wonders to hear that M*aste*r Rippon[2] should say that his L*or*dship would be revenged of some of us and ruine us, which they hope is utterly false; and, therefore, if his L*or*dship desire it, the Magistrates are ready to call M*aste*r Rippon to account for it; and it's further ordered by this Councell, that a true Coppy of this ord*er* be sent to the s*ai*d M*aste*r Hutchinson, to be pr*e*sented to and left with the s*ai*d Earl, for his Lordship['s] sattisfaction, and their vindication. *Ib.*, fo. 50.

1690, Tuesday, July 1.

[3]Whereas there came a warrant this day from the Earle of Kingston, for the searching for Armes in the houses of all disaffected persons, and particularly of M*aste*r Maj*or*[4] and the Ald*er*men and Councell of this Towne; and the militia officers, by vertue of the same, did take severall Armes from the Maj*or* and others of their Majesties' loyall subjects, to the great discouragem*en*t of this governm*en*t and their Majesties' subjects und*er* the same; therefore, it is unanimously[5] resolved, that the Ald*er*men and Councell request

[1] The MS. repeats 'Right.'

[2] Probably Gervase Rippon, the ex-Mayor.

[3] Noticed in Bailey with the previous order, vol. iii., p. 1042.

[4] Mr. Charles Harvey.

[5] unanimously,] 'unamously,' MS.

M*aste*r Maj*o*r to do that service for their Maj*es*ties and this corporation, as to go forthwith to London, and deliver our addresse, und*e*r o*u*r common seale, to her Majestie, in the name of this Corporation; and, further to solicete for this corporation as in his wisedome he shall thinke fit. And his charges to be borne by this Corporation, and that one of his serjeant[s] waite on him thither. *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1690, Wednesday, July 2.

*Memorand*um, that the Addresse mentioned in yesterday's order had, this day, the common seal set to it, by the order and in the presence of the Councell.

It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Maj*o*r, haveing granted the request of the Counsell to go to London with the Addresse, and to take care of the Corporation's affair; and he haveing appointed and deputed M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Langford deputy Maj*o*r in his room, during his absence; that the s*ai*d Deputy Maj*o*r shall have into his custody the Mace and the Towne plate to secure; but, if it shall happen that the s*ai*d Mace and plate should be violently taken from him, that he shall not be Answerable for them to this Corporation, because he takes them onely to secure them as he doth his owne.

[1]It is this day ordered, that M*aste*r [William] More, M*aste*r [Samuell] Watkinson, and M*aste*r [Joseph] Briggs shall take care to agree with M*aste*r [Samuell] Smith for the drawing their Majesties' Pictures, in Room of those Two Coats of Armes that were spoken for before. *Ib.*, fo. 54.

1690, Friday, August 22.

'Tis this day ordered, that M*aste*r [John] Cooke, M*aste*r [Joseph] Briggs, M*aste*r [Francis] Armestrong, and the Two Chamberlaines shall take the best method they can for the repair of the Causey pool; and to agree about the passage as cheap as they can, for the use of the Towne, or any four of them.

It is agreed by Majorety of Votes that the Toll called Scavinger's Fee shall be lett by match and pin,[2] for 7 year.[3] *Ib.*, fo. 58.

[1] Noticed by Bailey under wrong date of 1689, vol. iii., p. 1038.

[2] The following explanation of this has been suggested:—At the sale, a pin would be inserted in a certain part of the match (not the modern lucifer, but, in the words of Johnson, 'a card, rope, or chip of wood dipped in melted sulphur'), and the match being lighted, the bidding for the 'Fee' would take place, the Fee falling to the last bidder immediately before the match should be burned down to the pin. Similar customs are said to survive at some auctions to the present day.

[3] The toll was leased to Francis Armstrong on the same day.

1690, Tuesday, September 16.[1]

It is this [day] ordered, that whereas the Toll-house on the outside of the barr is falne downe, and the toll-house in the market-place forth[2] of repair, that the pr*e*sent Sheriffes shall build up the one, and repair the other, and be repaid by the next Sherriffes, onely looseing 20s.; and so the Sherriffes successively loose Tenne shillings a peice, as it was customary, in paym*en*t of the Maces and staffes. *Ib.*, fo. 65.

Whereas M*aste*r Knight, the Schoolmaster, was sent for by the Counsell this day, to know of him whether he intended to Leave the School, having lately a living given him, as reported, and to acquaint him of complaints against him touching the discharge of his place and refusing to come; It is ordered that the Schoolwardens shall have notice given them to pay him no more quartridge after Michaellmas, and to give him notice thereof, and that the Councell will take care for another Schoolmaster in his place. *Ib.*, fo. 67.

1690, Wednesday, September 24.

It is this day ordered, that the Chamberlyns for the year ensueing shall take care to repair the windows and door of the Shambles and Spice Chambers, and likewise the Floor, that the Serjeants may keep them cleane.

It is ordered that M*aste*r May*o*r shall be requested to go [to] London the next Michaellmas Terme, in ord*e*r to the manageing the Suite between the Corporation and M*aste*r Gervas Rippon and others; and his charges to be borne by the Corporation.

[3]It is ordered that an Addresse shall be made to their Maj*es*ties, as M*aste*r Slater and M*aste*r Hutchinson, our representatives, shall advise. *Ib.*, fo. 68.

*M*aste*r Sam*uel*l Smith.*—Whereas M*aste*r Mayor did yesterday signe a Bill of Seven pounds, five shillings, to be paid to M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Smith for drawing the King's Armes and Prince George's Armes upon the Canvas, and in the Frames he had drawn my L*or*d Duke and L*or*d Kingston's Armes, and to-day demanding Twenty shillings more for Coppys of the aforesa*i*d Armes; the Councell enquiryng into the matter, do find that M*aste*r Smith was never

[1] 'Die Martis *Decimo quinto* die mensis Septembris' (Tuesday, the *fifteenth* day of the month of September), MS. Monday, however, was the fifteenth.

[2] forth = out.

[3] Noticed by Bailey under date 1689, vol. iii., p. 1038.

treated with, or agreed withall, by those y*a*t were appointed for that purpose, and the Mayor denies that ever he gave him any order about the same, and never did he hear any thing about the Prince of Denmarke's armes before they were done; the counsell, therefore, think[1] not fit to pay the Bill of 20s., but expect the Armes should be Finished for the afores*ai*d seven pounds, five shillings. *Ib.*, fo. 69.

1690, Friday, September 26.

It is this day ordered that M*aste*r Stanhope be advised withall, wheth*er* M*aste*r Bauds shall have any thing for drawing M*aste*r Hawkins' Mortgage, being for the Towne's use; and whether any thing for drawing two old middleturn Jury pr*e*sentm*en*ts; but, for his 3 motions about a Bastard child in S*ain*t Mary's Parish, the Councell apprehends it payable by the overseers of the s*ai*d parish; and for drawing one part of the Articles for setting the poore on worke, they also apprehend that the 3 parishes ought to pay that charge, and all other matters upon that accompt; and for the 12s. he demands for drawing the Bridgmasters', Schoolwardens' and Chamberlaines' bookes, in that in their severall offices they attended him to have them drawne, and could not get them done, and[2] so were forced to get another to do it, and do not thinke themselves liable to pay him, and that Ald*er*man Turpin's great Charge and paines in officeateing his place shall be referred to M*aste*r Stanhope w*ha*t he shall have, and who shall pay him. *Ib.*, fo. 70.

1690, Thursday, October 2.

Whereas we, the Com*m*on Counsell, have thought fit and requisite that an Addresse should be pr*e*sented to his Majestie, to congratulate his happy returne forth of Ireland, and have agreed upon the ensuing Addrese to be so pr*e*sented, do request and appoint M*aste*r Alderman [Charles] Harvey to pr*e*sent the same as soon as may be.

'To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

'The humble Addresse of the Mayor, Aldermen and Com*m*on 'Counsell, Coroners and Sherriffs of this y*ou*r Majestie's Antient 'Corporation of Nottingham.

'We, y*ou*r Majestie's most dutifull and Loyall subjects, must ever 'acknowledge, that as this Corporation has the greatest reason to be 'thankfull to God and the King for the late most happy and admirable 'revolution, so we are sure that there is none in England has greater

[1] think,] 'thing,' MS. [2] and,] 'as,' MS.

'cause then we have, all things duely considered, to congratulate y*ou*r 'Majestie's safe and Successfull returne out of Ireland.

'And, therefore, we most humbly crave y*ou*r Majestie's leave thus 'publickly, solemnely, and sincerely to professe and declare before 'God Allmighty, and to your most sacred Majesty, our gratefull and 'joyfull sence of this exceeding great and unexpressible mercy, 'wherein the true interest not onely of this nation, but of all Christen-'dome, is so nearly and highly concerned. And we do most humbly 'and heartily assure y*ou*r Majesty, that nothing shall ever be wanting 'on our parts, to the utmost of our abilities, in our severall stations 'and Capacities to support and promote y*ou*r Majestie's interest and 'service.

'God pr*e*serve y*ou*r Majesty[1] from all the force and fraud of all 'your enemies, make you successfull and victorious in all y*ou*r glorious 'enterprizes, graunt you a long and prosperous Raigne over us, and 'in the world to come crown y*ou*r sacred Majesty[2] with endlesse 'glories and Felicities.

'These are the humble prayers, sincere resentments,[3] and hearty 'resolves of y*ou*r Majestie's most obedient subjects, signified and 'confirmed under our publicke seale, which we have hereunto caused 'to be affixed, this 2d day of October in the 2d year of y*ou*r Majestie's 'most happy Raign over us, *Annoque Dom*ini[4] 1690.' 3458, fo. 6.

1690, Wednesday, October 8.

Whereas, M*aste*r Bauds was this day sent for by this house, and charged with severall Articles touching the Neglect of his office, w*hi*ch are as followeth :—

M*aste*r Bauds did, in the hearing of a Gent*le*man that will assert it upon oath, defame the pr*e*sent Corporation of Nott*ingham*, and say that he had done all he could to disoblige them, for he desired to be quitt of his place, or words to that effect.

2ly. He hath frequently absented himselfe from the Councell of the s*ai*d Towne; also from the Sessions; and, particularly, when Alderman Harvey, the then pr*e*sent May*o*r, ordered him to attend, he refused; also hath discovered the secrets of the Councell, w*hi*ch by

[1] Majesty,] 'Majesties,' MS. The Queen (Mary II.), may have been in the writer's mind as well as the King.

[2] Majesty,] 'Majestys,' MS.

[3] 'resentments' here = sentiments. Johnson has defined resentment as 'a strong perception of good or ill.' Originally, it had no sinister meaning.

[4] *Translation:* And in the year of the Lord.

his oath he is obliged to keep, and being charged therewith, did declare that he would do so, saying afterwards, he meant the secret of the Counsell that was evill. He Neglected to prepare the Recognizances at the Assizes, by which the Justices, if other care had not been taken, might have been fined; also there was the same neglect at the Sessions.

And, having time given him by this house till Saturday next to give his answer to the afores*ai*d charge, he replied he did not desire so much time, but would give it at pr*e*sent, which was as followeth; That he would give no answer till it was decided by Law, or words to y*a*t effect. *Ib.*, fo. 8.

1690, Monday, October 27.

Whereas M*aste*r Bauds hath brought an action against M*aste*r John Hawkins, our pr*e*sent Mayor, for Speaking words touching the discovery of the secrets of this Counsell, and other things relateing to the neglect of his office, etc., which were no more then the declaration of the sense and opinion of the s*ai*d Counsell; It is therefore this day ordered that the defence of the s*ai*d suite shall be borne at the charge of this Corporation. *Ib.*, fo. 9a.

Whereas M*aste*r Bauds, our pr*e*sent Towne Clerke, hath very much neglected the duty of his office of Towne Clerke, so y*a*t the businesse that was to be by him in that office performed and done for the good and weal of the s*ai*d Towne lay undispatched, and M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Turpin being desired by this house for the manage*men*t of our affaires, for the good of the s*ai*d Towne's, hath taken great paines therein, but [hath been] threatened by M*aste*r Bauds to be sued for executing the same: It is, therefore, this day ordered that M*aste*r Ald*e*rman Turpin be paid for w*ha*t he hath done for this Corporation; and if M*aste*r Bauds Bring any action against him for the same, that he shall be defended at the charge of this Corporation; and it is further ordered that M*aste*r Alderman Turpin be desired to act all such businesse for the Towne as belongeth to M*aste*r Bauds to do, and shall hereafter occurr, untill further order; and that he shall be paid for the same by this Corporation, and defended and kept indemnified by this Corporation. *Ib.*, fo. 10.

1690, Monday, November 10.

*Memorand*um, that John Parker, late Ald*e*rman of this Towne, did declare that he had no residence in this Towne unto M*aste*r

[William] Noon[1] and others, upon which the Councell do Judge him to have no right of Co*m*mon with us. *Ib.*, fo. 11.

1690-1, Thursday, January 8.

The Schoolmaster.—It is this day ordered, that unlesse M*aste*r Knight and M*aste*r Birch, the Schoolmaster and Usher, do[2] appear to-morrow at Two of the clocke, at the Towne Hall, to attend the May*or* and Councell, and answer to such things as shall be charged upon them, notice whereof is ordered to be given them by M*aste*r Wingfeild, one of the Schoolwarden[s], that this Councell will p*ro*ceed to displace them, and chuse others in their roome. *Ib.*, fo. 17.

1690-1, Friday, January 9.

Quaere, whether M*aste*r Gowen Knight shall be removed from the office of Head-schoolmaster of the Free school of the Towne of Nott*ingham*; and also whether M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Birch shall be removed from the office of Usher of the said Free school?

Whereas power is given by the last will and Testam*en*t of Agnes Mellors, the Founder of the Free-school of the Towne of Nottingham, unto the May*or*, Aldermen, Counsel, and the pr*e*sent Schoolwardens for the time being, or eight of them (the Mayor and Schoolwardens to be there), for reasonable causes to remove and displace the Schoolmaster and Usher of the s*ai*d Free-school from their places or offices: We therefore, the May*or*, Aldermen, Counsell, and Schoolwardens for the time being, being in Counsell assembled, and having severall times sent to the pr*e*sent Head-Schoolmaster, M*aste*r Gowen Knight, and M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Birch, Usher of the s*ai*d School, formerly, and particularly having notice given them by the pr*e*sent Guardians of ye s*ai*d School, to appear this day before ye s*ai*d Mayor, Aldermen, Counsell and Guardians, to acquaint with such things as were objected against them in neglecting the duty of their office or places, which by the s*ai*d Mayor, Aldermen, and Councell and Guardians, are judged reasonable causes for their removall, which are ready to be alledged to them when required; and the s*ai*d M*aste*r Gowin Knight and M*aste*r Sam*ue*ll Birch have refused to appear here this day: We therefore, the Mayor, Aldermen, Councell, and Guardians have unanimously ordered that M*aste*r Gowen Knight shall be removed from the office of Head-Schoolmaster of the s*ai*d Freeschool of the Towne

[1] One of the Council.

[2] do,] 'do *not*,' MS. 'Unless,' here = if.

of Nottingham, and M*aste*r Samuell Birch from the office of Usher of the s*ai*d School, and they are removed accordingly.[1] *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1691, Friday, April 3.

It's this day ordered y*a*t ye Railes about ye bull Ring be taken up, and parte of y*e*m sett downe before Tho*mas* Aluey's[2] doore.

*Memorand*um, W*here*as M*aste*r Griffith was by this howse chosen vsher of ye free-schoole, and y*a*t ye s*ai*d M*aste*r Griffith hath relinquish't and left ye same; it is this day order'd y*a*t ye aforesa*i*d order be revoked, and it is accordingly revoaked and made void. Ald*er*m*an* Turpin absent. *Ib.*, fo. 21a.

1691, Friday, May 1.

*M*emoran*d*um, That this Day Ald*e*rman Turpin did p*ro*duce an Account to this House concerning the Almes-Houses called 'the White Rents,' in Houndesgate, w*hi*ch is as followeth, vizt.:—

	li.	s.	d.
6 Aug. 89. *Imp*rimi*s*, Rec*eive*d of M*aste*r Trotman, which was in his hand, being an Arrear of Rent.	02	00	00
25° *Marc*ii, 90. Rec*eive*d of M*aste*r Scattergood, for Rent then due	01	00	00
29° Sept. 90. Rec*eive*d then of Jo*hn* Scattergood, for Rent due	01	00	00
25° *M*arc*ii*, 91. Rec*eive*d more of him for Rent then due	01	00	00
	05	00	00
Disbursed by Ald*erman* Turpin, as appeares by his Acc*oun*t given to this House, and fyled vp w*i*th the Chamberlains' Accounts	05	00	11

Due to Ald*erman* Turpin 11d.
this p*ai*d to Ald*e*rm*an* Turpin May 27, 1691. *Ib.*, fo. 22a.

1691, Tuesday, June 16.

Wogden['*s*] *Apprentice.*—Whereas Complaint Hath beene made vnto this House by seu*er*all of the Coopers in this Towne, That John Woggden, a Cooper liveing here, hath lately taken one Hugh Charge, being about thirty yeares of Age, vnder a Pr*e*tence, and in a collusiue[3] way, to serue him as an Apprentice, and p*ro*cured him to be Inrolled,

[1] On the same day, Edward Gryffith was chosen usher of the free-school.

[2] Aluey = Alvey.

[3] 'collusive,' fraudulently concerted. A word seldom used now.

and so thereby to obtaine a freedome of a Burgesse of this Towne; and this evill practice of the s*ai*d John Woggden is to the Iniury and pr*e*iudice of the Burgesses of this Towne; It's therefore Ordered, That the said Hugh Charge being Placed as an Apprentice w*i*th the s*ai*d John Wogden as afores*ai*d is illegall; and that the Inrollm*en*t of the s*ai*d Hugh shall be razed out of the Booke of Inrollm*en*t for Apprentices, and that he shall not have any benefitt by this Apprentiship by being a Burgess of this Towne. *Ib.*, fo. 24a.

1691, Friday, July 3.

Ordered, y*a*t M*aste*r Wilkinson appearing this day before the Councell, and submitting himselfe to them for the penalty in digging and carrying the soile of a c*er*taine p*ar*cell of Schoolelands in the Clayfield w*hi*ch he hath from ye Town upon Lease, He forthwith pay to the Schoolwardens three pounds for the s*ai*d Offence and Trespasse; And shall leave the s*ai*d ground, where it is now dug, a spade-graft deep[1] of Soile above the skelly.[2] And y*a*t for ev*e*ry yard that he shall digg, cause or suffer to be digged up at any time hereaft*er*, during his Lease, [he] shall pay to the Schoolwardens, or their Successors, Five shillings for ev*e*ry yard so digged up; And the Schoolwardens shall for[th]with measure the s*ai*d Ground to know how much of the same is now digged up, and give informac*i*on of the same.

Ib., fo. 26a.

1691, Monday, September 14.

Whereas, there is a Vacancy in the Free sch[ool[3] of the] Town of Nott*ingha*m by the Death of M*aste*r Gowin K[night]; This day, by Majority of Votes of this house, M*aste*r Edward Griffith is elected and chosen to be Head-school Master of the said School in h[is Roome]. And the Schoolwardens ar' by this house ordered to g[ive] him possession of the same; And it is this day Ord[ered], that the s*ai*d Schoolwardens pay to the Relict of M*aste*r Gowin Knight the quart*er*age due till Mich*aelmas*. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1691, Wednesday, September 23.

*Mem*oran*d*um, The Coventrey Bonds being this day told over,

[1] 'Spade-graft deep' = the depth of the blade, *i.e.*, up to where the blade is inserted or *grafted* in the handle.

[2] Skelly, or skerry: a layer of grey substance, generally hard, and composed of very fine sand or grit; but sometimes of a softer consistence, and nearly resembling fuller's earth; it is interstratified with beds of clay, and is usually found in the eastern part of Nottingham.

[3] The leaf of the Council-book is much torn.

there ar' Threescore and eight of them now in the Box in this House, w*hi*ch is the full Number, and makes up the full sum*m*e of all the Money the Corporac*i*on hath rece*ive*d from Coventry by Virtue of S*i*r Tho*mas* White's Will. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

1691, Monday, September 28.

It's this Day Ordered by this House, That M*aste*r Campfeild, Viccar or Minister of the P*ar*ish of S*ain*t Marye's in this Town, shall haue paid vnto him the Sum*me* of five pounds a quarter dureing such time, and so long, as this House shall think convenient: the first paym*en*t to be made at Christmas next. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

1691, October 22.

[1]Ordered, That M*aste*r Ald*e*rm*an* Hawkins treat with the Governour of the King and Queen's Corporac*i*on for the Linen Manufacture at Salisbury Exchange, For Agreeing with him upon Terms for setting up the s*ai*d Manufactur*e* in this Town, according to the Proposalls rec*ei*ved in Print. 3459, fo. 16.

1691, November 4.

Whereas there is a Controversie hapen'd between the right Hono*ra*ble, the Earl of Clare, and this Corporac*i*on, concerning the right of a Deodand[2] by the death of[3] about three weeks agone, who was thrown from his horse near unto Ov*e*rberry's house in the way to the Leen, w*hi*ch being within the Walk of the Mickle Tourne Jury, It is therefore Ordered, That Applicac*i*on be made by M*aste*r Ald*e*rm*an* Hawkins to the s*ai*d Earle, or such Councell as he appoints, for the preventing of suite, and Accomodac*i*on of the s*ai*d Difference. *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1691, Wednesday, November 25.

Whereas this Councell hath been informed that a list of such p*er*sons as were to be Members of the next Corporac*i*on was given to M*aste*r Sacheverell about Lent last past, w*hi*ch he app*ro*ved of, And w*hi*ch this Councell nev*e*r saw nor knew of: *Quaere*, Whether our publick seal shall be affixed to an Instrum*en*t to desire and enable our Burgesses in Parliam*en*t to get our Corporac*i*on settled on its old foundac*i*on, according to the afores*ai*d list, makeing such alterac*i*ons therein as they shall think fit?

It is Ordered this day, That the Publick Seal of this Corporac*i*on

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1043. [2] See *ante*, p. 248. [3] Blank in MS.

shall be affixed to an Instrum*en*t to desire and enable our *sai*d Burgesses of Parliam*en*t to p*ro*cure for us the settleing of this Corporac*i*on upon its old Foundac*i*on, according to the above mencion'd list, makeing such alterac*i*ons therein as they shall think fit, And not excluding any other List w*hi*ch may come to their hands from any Members of this House for that purpose. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1691, Saturday, December 26.

Whereas this Councell have received a Coppy of an Instrum*en*t from their Maj*est*ies' Attorney Gen*er*all, in order to the Settleing this Corporac*i*on vpon its ancient rights and Priveledges, Wherein a nominac*i*on of Officers for that p*ur*pose is menc*i*oned, Or, in default of such Nominac*i*on by a certaine Day, then the same to be left to the discrec*i*on and no*min*ac*i*on of the Burgesses in P*ar*liam*en*t for this Towne:

1. *Q*uaere, Whether[1] the Members of this House shall make a[2] Nominac*i*on of such Officers menc*ion*ed in the afores*ai*d Instrum*en*t, or not?

*M*emoran*d*um, that the Members of this House for a No*min*ac*i*on of Officers or not, the Votes were equall. But M*aste*r Maior Votes for the Nominac*i*on.

2. *Q*uaere, Whether if it be necessary that we should call in the Clothing-Men that of late haue beene Electors for Maior, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Chamberlaines, to ioyne in the said Nominac*i*on?

Vpon the second Quesc*i*on, the Votes of this House were equall; But M*aste*r Maior was for the calling in the Clothing-Men.

3. *Q*uaere, Whether to the Instrum*en*t aforesaid the Com*m*on Seale of this Corporac*i*on shall be affixed there vnto before the *sai*d Nominac*i*on, or after it?

Ordered by the Maiority Voices, that the Com*m*on Seale be affixed to the afores*ai*d Instrum*en*t after the Nominac*i*on of Officers to be made. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

1691, Monday, December 28.

Quaere, whether M*aste*r Thorpe,[3] who is Deputy to M*aste*r Bauds, should stay in the Counsell, being unsworne to secresy, there being matters of great moment?

Ordered that M*aste*r Thorpe withdraw. *Ib.*, fo. 27.

[1] Whether,] 'Wh*i*ther,' MS. So throughout. [2] a,] 'an,' MS. [3] *i.e.*, Athorpe.

1691-2, Saturday, January 2.

Quaere, whether Master Thorpe,[1] Deputy Towne Clerke in the absence of Master Bauds, for the assistance of the Mayor and Counsell, shall not be present in Counsell, being upon his Burgesse oath for secresy?

Ordered that Master Thorpe shall be present in Counsell for the assistance of the Mayor and Counsell.

Whereas the six and twentyth day of December last past, It was ordered in Councell that ye Common Seal shall be affixed to the Instrument drawn by their Majesties' Attorney Generall, after the nominacion of Officers for the Members of the Corporacion, for the next establishment upon the antient foundacion:

We, therefore, the Major, Aldermen and Councell, do Judge these persons following to be fitting Members for the said Establishment:

All the Anti-Surrenders that had right to office by the old Charter to be in the next Settlement. And, likewise, Joseph Turpin, Esquire, Major, John Hawkins, Alderman, Thomas Collin, Alderman, John Hides, Alderman, Stephen Garner, William Moore, Joseph James, William Burrowes, John Huthwaite, Roger Hawkesley, John White, senior, Thomas Cooke, William Stirropp, Thomas Hardmeat, John Ross, John Wingfield, Joseph Briggs, Samuel Watkinson, William Cockle, John Sherwin, William Greaves, James Huthwaite, Benjamin Green, William Orm, William Noon, Francis Armstrong, Isaack Dance, John Kitchin, Samuel Harris, Thomas James, Robert Lindly, George Frith, Richard Goodale [and] John Bush, senior.[2]

3459, fo. 29.

1691-2, Saturday, February 6.

Quaere, Whether any person shall be returned in the List for the Settleing our Corporacion upon its antient and right Foundacion but those that are Free of this Corporacion, by Birth or Servitude?

Quaere, Whether the Major and all the Aldermen and Councell, Sherriffs and Chamberlains, shall be return'd on the said List?

It is this day Ordered, by Majority of Votes, That the Major and all the Aldermen and Councell, the Sherriffs and Chamberlains, shall be named and returned in the said List.

Quaere, Whether the persons hereunder written shall be named

[1] *i.e.*, Athorpe.

[2] On the 5th February following, Messrs. Greaves, Trig, Salmon, Bennet, Hoe, Hickling, and Smith, were ordered to be sent for to the Council.



in the said List, vizt: Master Stephen Garner, John Sherwin, Richard Goodale, John Bush, William Orm [and] William Baines?

Ordered, by Majority of Votes, That the persons abovesaid be named and sent up in the said List. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

1692, Tuesday, June 21.

Ordered that all persons who have leases of the Town, and ar' obliged by their Covenants therein to grind at the Town-Mills which now Mistris Hall hath a lease of, do grind their Corn there, so long as they ar' justly and farily used there. And if they, upon her complaint, refuse so to do, that the Corporacion compell them thereto, according to their Covenants. *Ib.*, fo. 61.

1692, Friday, July 1.

Ordered, That the Bellman give Notice, in the Major, Aldermen, and Counsell's name, to the Burgesses, that the Meadowes be layd, by Reason of the late great Raines and floods that ensued thereon, for the space of Eleaven days now next ensueing, being for the publick Good and benefit of the said Burgesses; upon penalty of iijs. iiijd. upon every offence herein.

1692, Friday, July 22.

Quaere, Whether Master Major shall have his Sallary of 40 li. allowed and paid to him?

Ordered, That Master Major's Sallary of forty pounds (by Majority of Votes), be allowed and paid to him. *Ib.*, fo. 65.

1692, Tuesday, December 6.

It is Ordered this day, That Master Gervas Rippon, Robert Wortley, and William Woolhouse, in Saint Marye's parish, Master Thomas Trigg, Ralph Bennet, and William Greaves, in Saint Peter's parish, and Master Richard Goodale, William Bilby, and John Scattergood, in Saint Nicholas parish, Be appointed Trustees of and concerning the Rent charge given by Master Roger Maners, of Five pounds *per Annum*, to the poor of Nottingham, issueing out of Land in Milford.

This day Master Lawrence Athorpe was chosen and sworne Mayor's Towne Clerke by the choyce and agreement of the Mayor and Councell, and subscribed the declaracion.[1]

[1] He was sworn burgess on Thursday, March 30, 1693.

Ordered that John Peake, the Baker, Farmer of the Towne's Mills, doe stop the Water-course betwixt this old Leene and the old Leene below the Mills. And he appeared and craued tyme, w*hi*ch was granted. 3460, fo. 25.

1692, Monday, December 12.

[1]Whereas, complaint hath beene made vnto the Mayor and Co*m*mon Councell of this towne, of diverse disorderly and extravigant practices w*hi*ch have beene co*m*mitted by severall persons designeing vnduely to bringe themselues into the goverment of the said towne, by givelnge moneys to be spent att publique houses, thereby to procure voates to be elected into offices, to the encourageme*n*t of drunkennes and disorder, And to the greate disturbance of the peace of the said towne, and in contempt of the Goverment thereof; Itt is, therefore, ordered, that to pr*e*vent such disorders for the future, Iff any person or persons shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter, vpon good proofe, be found co*m*mittinge and vseinge such evill practices, The same person and persons shall be proceeded against as disturbers of their Ma*jes*tyes' peace, and the peace and welfare of this Corporac*i*on. And, in case any victualler, or publique house keeper, shall encourage theis evell practices, That their licences shall be taken from them, itt beinge a plaine breach thereof.

Ib., fo. 26.

1692, Monday, December 19.

Be itt remembred, that itt was this day ordered, *nemine contradicente*,[2] that the pr*e*sent Mayor shall haue the same allowance and sallary of forty pounds *per Ann*um as anciently paid to the Mayors of the s*ai*d towne by the Chamberlyns of the towne, and all other pr*i*villidges w*hi*ch the Mayors of the same towne haue anciently had and enjoyed. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1692, Thursday, December 29.

Itt is this day ordered, that M*aste*r Camfeild, minister of S*ain*t Mary's, M*aste*r Simpson, minister of S*ain*t Nicholas, and the minister of S*ain*t Peter's (when there is one setled there), shall haue twenty pounds a peice paid them yearly, to be paid quarterly; the first paym*en*t to be made at this pr*e*sent Christmas, and to be paid to the propper hands of the said Ministers, and not to any others; and this

[1] Noticed in Bailey, iii., pp. 1043-4.

[2] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

order's paym*en*t to continue or determine[1] at the pleasure of this Corporac*i*on. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1692-3, Friday, January 24.

Ordered that M*aste*r John Nevile, M*aste*r John Greaves, M*aste*r Samuell Watkinson, M*aste*r Alderman Collin, and what other persons they shall thenke fitt to take w*i*th them, be desired to gett subscript*i*ons for the buying of a water-engine for the vse of the Inhabitants of this towne; and that M*aste*r Wilkins, of Leicester, and M*aste*r Will*ia*m Walker, of Edtaine,[2] be treated w*i*th for an engine, by them, or such who they shall thinke fitt. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

CLXVI.—*Bond by Abraham Grooby not to employ 'foreigners' in his business of 'Jersey Comber.'*

1693, February 5.

Noverint universi per praesentes, me Abraham Grooby, de Villa et Comitatu Villae Nottinghamiae, Jarsey Comber, teneri et firmiter obligari Majori et Burgensibus Villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, in Centum Libris bonae et Legalis Monetae Angliae, Solvendis eisdem Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, aut Successoribus suis, aut suo certo Attornato, Executoribus, Administratoribus, sive Assignatis suis; ad quam quidem Solutionem bene et fideliter faciendam, obligo me, haeredes, Executores, et Administratores meos, firmiter per praesentes, Sigillo meo Sigillatas, datas quinto die Februarii, Anno Regni Domini et Dominae Willielmi tertij et Mariae Secundae, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Regis et Reginae, fidei defensorum, etc., quinto, Annoque Domini, 1693.[3]

The Condic*i*on of this pr*e*sent obligac*i*on is Such, that Whereas the above-bound Abraham Grooby hath Lately Come to Settle and inhabitt within the Towne of Nottingham, by the Consent and

[1] 'determine,' end, terminate.

[2] So MS.

[3] *Translation:* Know all men by [these] presents, me Abraham Grooby, of the Town and County of the Town of Nottingham, Jersey-Comber, to be held and firmly bound to the Mayor and Burgesses of the Town of Nottingham aforesaid, in one hundred Pounds of good and lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or to their successors, or their certain Attorney, their executors, administrators or assigns; to the making of which payment well and faithfully, I do bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by [these] presents, sealed with my Seal, dated the fifth day of February, in the fifth year of the Reign of Lord and Lady William the Third and Mary the Second, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, etc., and in the year of the Lord, 1693.

aprobation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councell of the said Towne, to Settle and establish a Combing of woll, and Spining of Jarsey and Worsted, and Setting on worke and employing the poore of the said Towne in the said imploym*ent*; And Wheras the said Abraham Grooby hath agreed and promised that he will Nott imploy, or Sett on worke, any foriner or Stranger in the said Towne; Iff, therefore, the said Abraham Grooby doe not, or shall [not], att any time or times hereafter, imploy or Sett on worke any foriner or stranger whatsoever within the said Towne, without the speciall consent and Aprobation of the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Towne for the time beeing, or the Major part of them, that then this pr*e*sent obligat*i*on to be void and of None effect, or else the same to be and remaine in full force and vertue.

Sealed and Deliver'd Abraham Grooby.
In the pr*e*sence of Theod*ore* Hosbrooke.
her
Mary × Ratcliffe, Serv*an*t to Mr. Mayor.
mark.
La. Athorpe. 4695.

CLXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1693, April 25.

Bee it remembred, that vpon the fiue and twentyeth day of Aprill, 1693, M*aste*r Joseph Briggs and M*aste*r John Wingfeild, Schoole-Wardens for the yeare ended att Mich*aelm*as 1692, did passe their Accompts att the Guildhall of the said Towne, for the Revenues belonging to the Free schoole for that yeare; And their Accompts were then allowed of and passed before and in the presence of Will*ia*m Greaves, gent*leman*, Mayor of the Towne of Nott*ingham*, and Thomas Trigg, Ralph Bennett, John Hoe, and Francis Salmon, gent*lemen*, Aldermen of the said Towne, John Greaves, gent*leman*, one of the Com*m*on Councell, and John Kitchin and Will*ia*m Barke, Chamberlaines; w*hi*ch Accompts are as followe :—

	li.	s.	d.
The Rentall of the Lands belonging to the said Free Schoole, as by their booke for that purpose appeareth	056	14	06
The Tyth hay	038	17	07
Arreares of rents rec*eive*d by them	002	03	00
*Sum*ma *Tot*alis[1] of the Charge . .	97	15	01

[1] Totalis,] '*Tott*,' MS.

The Discharge—	li.	s.	d.
paid the Schoole masters for their yearly paym*ent* .	080	00	00
for the Rentall, and ingrossing the Accompts . .	000	06	00
for the rent of the house to the Chamberlayns . .	000	02	00
for Tollinge the Scholle's bell	000	04	00
for the Schoole Wardens' Fee	000	13	04
for John Ludlam, the pinder, for his assistance . .	000	10	00
for the Schoole Wardens' horses	001	00	00
for their necessary expenses	001	00	00
Arreares for London houses	000	19	01
Arreares for an acre of Land, late in Tho*mas* Newcomb's possession	000	07	00
for glaseinge the Free schoole	001	01	01
for repaires of the Free schoole	001	02	00
*Sum*ma *Tot*alis[1] discharge	087	04	06
Soe, to ballance this Accompt, their remanes to pay by the Schoole Wardens, w*hi*ch is ordered to M*aste*r Alderman Trigg	010	00	00
and the rest, beeing ten Shillings Six pence,[2] is to be p*ai*d to the Chamberlyns	000	10	06

3460, fo. 49.

1693, May 5.

Att a meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Com*m*on Councel, on the fifth day of May, 1693, itt is agreed that the most Reverend father in God, John, Arch Bishopp of Yorke, shall be attended att his visitac*i*on by the Mayor, Aldermen, Coron*e*rs, Sherriffes, Com*m*on Councell and Chamberlyns, and such others who M*aste*r Mayor shall thinke fitt to take w*i*th them; and that the said Arch B*ish*opp shalbe pr*e*sented by the Corporac*i*on w*i*th a Banquett of about forty shillings vallue, and w*i*th three gallons of sacke, three gallons of Clarett, and three gallons of white wyne, att his Grace's comeing to the towne, att his lodgeings.

Per Laurentium Athorpe, Clericum Communis Concilii.[3]

Ib., fo. 50.

[1] Totalis,] '*Tott*,' MS.

[2] To balance the account, this should be ten shillings and sevenpence.

[3] *Translation:* 'By Laurence Athorpe, Clerk of the Common Council.' This is written in a much older court-hand than that of the minute.

1693, Thursday, May 18.

Ordered, that the Butter Crosse be repaired by the Chamberlyns, as M*aste*r Mayor shall direct.

Ordered, that such of the Councell as shall thinke fitt, to informe themselues of a fitt place for gathring the swyne together, instead of the place in the Swyne Greene, and giue their opinions therein the next[1] hall. *Ib.*, fo. 51.

The Question beeing putt, whether those persons who had parts vnduely allotted to them since the surrender of the old Charter, and till the restoreing of the same, shall enjoy there parts, or the same shall be taken from them, it was carryed that they shall be taken from them.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1693, Thursday, August 10.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this day M*aste*r Mayor brought in and delivered to the Councell a petic*i*on of M*aste*r Benjamin Cawfeild, the pr*e*sent Viccar of S*ain*t Maryes, praying to haue forty fiue pounds, alledged to be due to him for nine quarterly paym*en*ts in the tyme of M*aste*r Harvey, M*aste*r Hawkins, and M*aste*r Turpin, in the vi. sev*er*all pr*e*tended Mayoraltyes in the late pr*e*tended Corporac*i*on, wherein is menc*i*oned that the same Sallary was and hath beene customaryly paid; w*hi*ch the Mayor and Aldermen and Councell doe object ag*ain*st, the said Sallary beeing only p*ai*d by the Corporac*i*on according to their pleasure, and as they see Cause and equity. And they will take the paym*en*t thereof into their further considerac*i*on.

Bee it remembred, that this day the Six Toames containeing Six books, called Polly glotts,[3] were delivered to M*aste*r Nathan Drake, pr*e*sent Rector of S*ain*t Peter's in Nottingha*m*, to be by him vsed for the tyme he shall continue in the said Rectory; and, vpon his departure from thence, to be redelivered to the Mayor of this Corporac*i*on for the tyme beeing, and to be vsed with care.[4] *Ib.*, fo. 65.

1693, Thursday, November 2.

Ordered, that the Aldermen and Com*m*on Councell shall attend

[1] 'next' repeated in MS.

[2] Eighteen voted for 'taking away' the Burgess parts, and one only, Mr. William Woolhouse, 'to the contrary.'

[3] *i.e.*, polyglots.

[4] The signature 'Nathan Drake, Rector,' is appended to this entry.

before Master Mayor for the tyme beeinge, vpon the proclameing of proclamacions, in their gownes, and vpon every hall day, vpon due and accustomed Summons, or except they haue licence or other reasonable excuse; vpon paine to forfeite for every defalt and non-appearance on every hall-day, xijd., and on every proclamacion, vjd.

[1]The question beeinge putt whether itt may be for the Advantage of the Corporacion to haue the water brought into the Towne by pipes for the service of the Inhabitants or not, The Votes even; ten and ten. 3461, fo. 13.

1693, Tuesday, November 7.

Ordered that what moneys shalbe gott by fines for not appearinge at the Councell shalbe disposed of to buy bucketts for the vse of the Corporacion, and the like for not appearing at makeinge procla[ma]cions.

Ordered that Master Mayor and his brethren, Master Joseph Briggs, Master John Wingfeild, Master John Greaves, Master Thomas Lovett, and soe many more of the Councell as can assist therein, doe treate with Master Benjamine Greene in order to setle a woollen manufacture, pursuant to proposulls Master Greene hath made to the Corporacion, and to meete to-morrow in the Afternoone at 3 of the Clocke att Master Hickling's. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1693, December 19.

This day John Johnson was discharged from vseinge the Trade of a Sadler within the Towne of Nottingham, not beeinge a Freeman. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1693-4, Friday, January 13.

Ordered that Master Carrell, Viccarr of Saint Marye's, haue his quarteridge paid him, which hath beene paid to his predecessors, dureinge the pleasure of this Corporacion, to witt, 5 li. quarterly.

Ib., fo. 20.

1693-4, Thursday, February 22.

[2]Ordered that Master Alderman Bennett, Master Alderman Salmon, Master Samuell Smyth, Master Armstrong, Master Joseph Briggs, Master John Wingfeild, Master William Woolhouse, Master John Bush, Master William Greaves, Master Thomas Cooke, Master John Onwyne, and the tw[o] Chamberlyns to view the Neare and

[1] Noticed in Bailey, iii., 1044. [2] Noticed in Bailey under wrong date of 1693, iii., 1044.

Farre Coppice, and to take an exact accompt of what woods and trees there are now standing and growinge in the said Coppice, in order to the preservacion of them for the future.[1]

Ordered that the Bridgemasters doe take care and order for the preserueinge the Over Trent Close from the prejudice[2] that the Trent hath done to the same, and for the preservacion of the Trent Bridges; and that they provide materyalls for that purpose, As well as they can, and imploy workemen for that purpose. And in case of want of money, to be supplyed by the Cham[berlyns]. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

[3]Bee itt remembred, That the Severall persons mencioned in the order for the viewinge of the Coppice did view the same; And they haue reported that there are now in the Neare Coppice Seaven hundred fifty fiue younge Oakes, twenty old oakes, and three and forty Ashes,[4] And that there are in the Farre Coppice Eight hundred Sixty eight young Oakes, foure old Oakes, and Seaven Ashes, which are to be preserved, etc.[5] *Ib.*, fo. 25.

1694, Tuesday, May 8.

Itt is this Day ordered, by the Vnanimous Consent of Master Mayor and his Brethren and the Councell of the said Towne, That a Banquett to the Value of Fourty Shillings and no more, and also 3 gallons of Canary, 3 Gallons of White wine, and 3 Gallons of Clarett, and 2 Sugar Loaves be presented by this Corporacion to the Right Honourable, the Earle of Rutland, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 27.

1694, Friday, August 3.

Ordered that Master Handley's Almeshouses bee viewed by Master Alderman Drury, Master Joseph Briggs, Master John Wingfeild, and the Two Chamberlaines, concerning the repaires thereof, in order that they may be repaired; And that they view the house now buildinge by Sarah Champian in the Smythy Rowe, and to report their opinion concerning the encroachment in that buildinge, at the next hall. *Ib.*, fo. 38.

1694, Tuesday, September 4.

Bee itt rem[em]bred that this day Master Mayor received of the

[1] Richard Hill, Joiner, was appointed and sworn Woodward for the Coppice on the same day.

[2] detriment or injury.

[3] Noticed in Bailey, iii., 1044.

[4] Bailey has '775 young oaks, 20 old oaks, and 40 ash trees.'

[5] Bailey adds 'total 1714 trees;' but the true total is 1697.

Fine money[1] one pound seaventeene Shillings and Six pence, w*h*ich M*aste*r Mayor laid out for twelue bucketts and carryage for the vse of the Corporac*i*on. *Ib.*, fo. 45.

1694, September 24.

Ordered that M*aste*r John Rose pay yearely to the Chamberlyns of this towne, at Lady Day, for ever, Six pence for an Incroachm*en*t of a Cant[2]-window in Castle Gate in Nott*ingham*, beeinge the Corner house wherein Will*ia*m Johnson now liveth; and he from henceforth to be freed from all pr*e*sentm*en*ts for the future for the same; this order beeinge made vpon view by order of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councell, and to be put into the Chamberlyns' booke. *Ib.*, fo. 46.

CLXVIII.—*Receipt from the Mayor of Warwick and others, for Amount collected in Nottingham for Relief of Sufferers by Fire in Warwick.*[3]

1694, October 17.

	li.	s.	d.
Rece*ive*d from Notingham by the hands [of] M*aste*r Alderman Salmon, M*aste*r Benj*amin* Greene, and M*aste*r Tobyas Wildbore and M*aste*r Geo*rge* Ricketts, the Sum*me* of One Hundred Thirty-two pounds, three shill*ings*, one penny, Collected in theire Towne towards the Releif of the Poore Sufferers in Warwick, by a Late dreadfull Fire there; Wee say, Rec*eive*d for ye vse abouesaid by vs	132	3	1

Joseph Blissett, May*o*r.
Wm. Carver.
Sa. Jemmer.

4697.

[1] For non-attendance at the meetings: see *ante*.

[2] cant = jutting, inclining, or corner.

[3] More than one half of Warwick was destroyed in 1694 by fire, including (with the exception of the chancel, the Beauchamp chapel, and the chapter house), the collegiate church of St. Mary. In a few years afterwards the town was rebuilt, in consequence of a national contribution amounting to £11,000, of which £1,000 was bestowed by Queen Anne. William III. visited the scene of the catastrophe in 1695. The receipt is noticed in Bailey, iii., 1048, who also mentions 'a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Warwick,' which, however, is not extant.

CLXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1694, Tuesday, October 23.

M*aste*r Alderman Salmon brought in a receipt from the Mayor of Warwick for 132 li. 3s. 1d., collected for the releife of the poore people of Warwicke who suffered by fyre there, both w*hi*ch receipts[1] are vpon a fyle in the hall.

Ordered that M*aste*r Alderman Trigg pay M*aste*r John Rosse 9 li. 15s. due to him by a bill for worke done about the Butter Crosse, out of M*aste*r Ward's money. 3462, fo. 9.

1694, November 27.

*M*emoran*d*um, that M*aste*r William Bilby, M*aste*r John Wingfeild, and M*aste*r John Greaves did this day report to this house, That vpon their view in the Neare Coppice, they found two younge Oake Trees Cutt vp, and ten other trees Cropt; and they are in feare the same was done by the order of M*aste*r Sherwyn and M*aste*r Metcalf, or their Agents or Serv*an*ts. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

1694-5, January 9.

Ordered that Edward Wright, the skavenger, haue his old Sallary of Eleaven pounds by the yeare till Candlemas next, and is to carry away the Manure and Dirt ag*ains*t the Markett Wall; and after that tyme, every one to Clense their owne doores from Chappell Barre to the Markett Wall, and he only to haue, after Candlemas, Eight pounds *p*er *Ann*um till further order. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1694-5, January 22.

Ordered that from henceforth, noe person or appr*e*ntice shalbe made free of this Towne, except their Indentures be inrolled before M*aste*r Mayor and Councell for the tyme beeinge, payinge 2d. for inrollem*en*t; and that all those who haue appr*e*ntices, doe take care to haue their Indentures Inrolled; and that all Companyes and freemen who take appr*e*ntices haue notice of this order. *Ib.*, fo. 17 a.

1694-5, Monday, February 11.

[2]*M*emoran*d*um, that this day vpon the produceing a Letter from M*aste*r Charles Hutchinson and M*aste*r Slater, this Corporac*i*on's Repr*e*sentatives in Parlyam*en*t, that they thought itt convenient that

[1] The other receipt referred to is mentioned in the preceding minute in the Hall-book; it was for interest on the Coventry money.
[2] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1048.

this Corporac*i*on ought to Addresse his Ma*jes*tye, to condole his Ma*jes*ty vpon the death of the Queene, and to assure his Ma*jes*tye of the fidelity and Loyalty of this Corporac*i*on to his Ma*jes*ty: And the question beeing putt, whether this Corporac*i*on should make such Addresse to his Ma*jes*ty, itt was carryed and agreed vnto, *nemine contradicente*, that such Adresse should be pr*e*sented to his Ma*jes*ty, w*hi*ch Addresse is as followeth, *videlicet*:—

'To the King's most Excellent Ma*jes*ty.

'The humble Addresse of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Towne and County of the Towne of Nottingham'[1] . . . . w*hi*ch Addresse is to be carryed vp by M*aste*r Robert Harryson, one of the Chamberlyns of the Towne of Nott*ingham*, and to be by him delivered to M*aste*r Hutchinson and M*aste*r Slater, this Corporac*i*on's Repr*e*sentatives in Parlyam*en*t, and by them to be pr*e*sented to his Ma*jes*ty, together w*i*th M*aste*r Mayor, etc. *Ib.*, fos. 19-20 a.

1695, April 2.

The question beeinge putt, whether any allowance shall be made to the house-keepers in the Chappell Barre towards Clensinge that streete, by the Corporac*i*on, or nott, itt was carryed in the negative. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1695, Friday, April 12.

*Mem*orand*um*, that M*aste*r Ald*erman* Salmon, M*aste*r Stirropp, M*aste*r Goodall, M*aste*r Metham and the Chamb*er*lyns did this day Report their Opinions to this House touching severall Houses neare the Chappell Barre which they were ordered to view, and they doe say that Rob*er*t Rippon's house is 12 yards in the Front, 8 Yards backwards, and 10 yards the Garden; Jos*eph* Sandsby's House 9 yards the Front, 7 yards backwards, and 16 yards the Garden; Will*ia*m Hoe's House 12 yards breadth, and 20 yards the Length; and Thomas Hawksley's House 20 yards in the Front, and 30 yards backwards. *Ib.*, fo. 23 a.

1695, Monday, May 20.

The question beeing put, whether the Meadowes shall be laid for a fortnight[2] after Midso*m*mer day or noe,[3] itt was carryed in the

[1] A blank space of more than two pages is left in the Council-book for the entry of the remainder of the address, which was never copied.

[2] *fortnight,*] 'fort*m*ight,' MS.

[3] 'and' is here unnecessarily inserted in the MS.

affirmative; and that whoever shall putt in any goods to common at Large within that tyme, they[1] to be impounded. *Ib.*, fo. 26 a.

1695, Friday, August 9.

The Question being putt, Whether those that have Common in the Fields shall putt therein 6 Cattell or more, itt was Carryed by the Majority of Votes that they shall putt in 6 Cattell, and noe more, to Common there.

And the Question being likewise putt, what Fine every one shall pay for every such Offence of their Overcharging the Common aforesaid, itt was carryed by the Majority of Votes, And itt is hereby Ordered by this House, That all those persons who shall putt above the Number of 6 Cattell into the Fields to Common there, shall forfeite for every beaste above that Number so putt in, for every time they shall so offend, the summe of Three shillings and fourepence to the use of this Corporacion; and that this Order be published by ye Bellman. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

Whereas severall persons heretofore have putt into the Fields and Meadowes diverse Scabb'd and diseased Horses, to the great Damage and Detriment of the rest of the Commoners there, by Infecting their Cattell with dangerous and Incurable diseases: For remedy whereof[2] itt is this day ordered by this House, that every person that shall henceforth putt into the said Fields or Meadowes any such Scabb'd or diseased Horses which shall be Infectious to the other Cattell feeding and Commoning there, shall forfeit for every such Horse so putt in, every time they shall offend, the summe of Five Shillings, to be paid to the Chamberlyns for the time being for the use of this Corporacion; And this Order to be published by the Common Cryer. *Ib.*, fo. 31 a.

1695, Tuesday, October 7.

Memorandum, itt is this day ordered that William Finne shall haue foure pounds, ten shillings, paid him yearly by the Chamberlyns, for Clenseinge the pavement att the Bridge-end, and scouring two issues there: to be paid quarterly, to witt, att Christmas, Lady-day, and Midsommer and Michaelmas. 3463, fo. 5.

1695, November 2.

[3]Ordered that His Majestye[4] be mett[5] and attended att the out-

[1] *i.e.*, the 'goods' or cattle.

[2] 'whereof' here = thereof.

[3] This order is noticed in Bailey (iii., 1049), under wrong date of Nov. 22nd.

[4] *Majestye*,] 'Ma'tyes,' MS.

[5] On the occasion of his visit to Nottingham.

most parts of this Towne, and soe to be conducted into the Towne on horsebacke. To pr*e*sent his Ma*jes*tye w*i*th a purse and 100 guineys, w*hi*ch are now at 30s. a guiney; that a Speach be made to his Ma*jes*ty by the Towne Clarke, and that his Ma*jes*tye shall likewise be pr*e*sented w*i*th a banquett and Wyne, to the vallue of 40 li., at the 'New Inne' or 'White Lyon;' and That [Master] Ald*erman* Salmon, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Lealand, M*aste*r Wingfeild, M*aste*r Briggs, and M*aste*r Woolhouse assist the Chamberlyns in this matter; That M*aste*r Alderman Trigg and M*aste*r Coroner Greaves Take care of the banquett. *Ib.*, fo. 6 a.

1695, Thursday, November 21.

Ordered by this House, That all Persons who shall henceforth be made Burgesses shall bring along w*i*th them a Certificate of their severall Ages for the satisfacc*i*on of this House, and that they who shall not bring their Certificates accordingly shall be refused being made Burgesses till they bring in their said Certificates, or doe otherwise satisfie this House thereof.

Ordered that all p*er*sons of the Co*m*mon Councell who, being duely summoned, shall Neglect to give their appearances in their Gownes att the Co*m*mon Halls, and att Proclamac*i*ons, shall forfeit for every Default the Su*m*me of Twelve pence for not Coming to the Hall, and Six pence for not appearing att Proclamac*i*ons, to be Levyed by Distresse and Sale of the Partye's Goods soe making Default, by Warr*an*t under the Hand and Seale of M*aste*r Mayor; which Moneys are to be Imployed for the use of this Corporac*i*on: Provided that the p*er*sons abovesaid have noe Licence from M*aste*r Mayor. *Ib.*, fo. 7 a.

1695, Wednesday, December 11.

Ordered that M*aste*r Mayor bringe the late Sheriffe's Staffe, and M*aste*r Samuell Smyth doe bring into this Hall the next Hall-day the silver heads, to be disposed of as this hall shall direct.

Ib., fo. 8.

1695, Monday, December 16.

[1]Ordered that M*aste*r Alderman Trigge, M*aste*r Alderman Salmon, M*aste*r Will*ia*m Stirropp, M*aste*r George Frith, M*aste*r Joseph Cooke, Together w*i*th M*aste*r John Nevile, M*aste*r John Huthwaite, M*aste*r Abraham Metcalf, and such other of the Councell

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1050.

as shall please, and Burgesses as M*aste*r Mayor shall thinke [fitt] to send for, doe meete att M*ist*ris Johnson's, at fiue a Clocke to-morrow in the eveninge, to consult and draw vp reasons to be pr*e*sented to the Parlyam*en*t ag*ains*t the passinge of a Bill for makeing the River Darwen[1] Navigable to Darby: And that M*aste*r Deputy be consulted therein. *Ib.*, fo. 9.

1695-6, Monday, January 20.

[2]Whereas there has beene severall proceedings in the Hon*ora*ble House of Com*m*ons touching the making the River Darwent, from the River Trent up to Darby, Navigable, which, if itt take Effect, will be very pr*e*judiciall to this Towne of Nottingham; And Whereas the same cannot be sett aside w*i*thout great Care and Charges in Feeing Councill, etc., The Tradesmen and other Inh*ab*itants have proposed to Contribute a Third part of what shall be Laid out in obstructing the s*ai*d Proceedings: Itt is this day Ordered by the Majority of Votes of this House, that if the s*ai*d Tradesmen and Inh*ab*itants will disburse one halfe of the s*ai*d Charge, this Corporac*i*on will disburse the other Halfe. *Ib.*, fo. 11.

1695-6, Thursday, March 19.

*M*emoran*d*um, Thatt itt is this day agreed by M*aste*r Mayor, his brethren and the Co*m*mon Councell now pr*e*sent, that an humble Addresse bee made to his Ma*jes*tye, congratulateing his happy deliverance from the horridd plott contrived against the person of his sacred Ma*jes*ty; And to enter into an Associat*i*on agreed vpon by the hon*or*able house of Co*m*mons. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1696, Thursday, July 30.

[*M*emoran*d*um], That there beeinge one M*aste*r Hand and others who hath made proposic*i*ons in order to procure Water to be brought into the Towne by pipes, etc., And the question beeing put whether there shalbe Water brought in by pipes, ytt was carried in the affirmative. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1696, Monday, August 17.

The question beeing putt, whether a Towne's Man or a Forraigner shall vndertake the bringing of Water by pipes, etc., itt was carryed that a Townseman, *nemine contradicente*.[3] And the question beeing

[1] Darwen = Derwent. [2] Alluded to in Bailey, iii., 1050.
[3] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

putt whether M*aste*r Rosse shall vndertake itt or noe, itt was carryed that M*aste*r Rosse doe vndertake the worke, and haue the first refusall before any other person; and this to be resolued at the next hall. *Ib.*, fo. 22 a.

1696, Friday, August 28.

The question beeing putt, whether M*aste*r Rosse shall vndertake the Water-works in Nottingham vpon the proposic*i*ons he hath made, they beeing more reasonable then any others hitherto made, itt was carryed in the affirmative by the Majority of Votes, three only dissentinge. *Ib.*, fo. 23 a.

1696, Friday, September 11.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this day a draught of a Lease (pervsed by M*aste*r Deputy Recorder), to M*aste*r John Rosse, M*aste*r Benj*amin* Greene, and Sa*muell* Watkinson, from this Corporac*i*on, ab*ou*t the water works, was read and agreed vnto by the house, and ordered to be ingrossed: And that M*aste*r Alderman Salmon, M*aste*r Sherriffe Briggs, and M*aste*r Jo*hn* Wingfield, w*i*th the Chamberlyns, doe view and sett out the ground at the end of S*ain*t James' Lane where the designed Cisterne is to be made and erected, etc.

The question beeing putt, whether the incroachm*en*t made on the backside by M*aste*r John Rickards by two poarches be sold him, or that he pay a yearly rent, and what rent, itt was, *nemine contradicente*,[1] to be at xijd. rent: respited, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

1696, Friday, September 18.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this day M*aste*r Mayor sealed a Lease of the watercorne Mills on the Leene, and other things, to M*aste*r John Rosse, M*aste*r Benjamine Greene, and M*aste*r Samuell Watkinson, for ninety-nine yeares, to co*m*mence at Lady day Next, at fiue pounds *per Ann*um, payable Mich*aelma*s and Lady Day: And this in order to erecte and make water-works to serue the Inhabitants w*i*th water from the River of Leene by pipes, etc. And the same day they Sealed a Counterpart of the said Lease: *provt*[2] the Lease.

1696, Friday, September 25.

Ordered, that the King's proclamac*i*ons for the future shalbe proclaimed by the Mayor and Sheriffes' officers w*i*thout the attendance of the Mayor and Councell, Except vpon extraordinary proclama-

[1] *Translation:* no one contradicting. [2] '*p ovt*' = *prout*; as, like as.



c*i*ons, when the Mayor shall thinke fitt to attend at such proclamac*i*ons, and shall require the Aldermen and Co*m*mon Councell to attend him, he giveing them due Summons for such their attendance. And in case any of the Aldermen or Councell shall neglect or refuse to attend M*aste*r Mayor vpon due Summons, vpon proclameing such proclamac*i*ons, then every person soe neglecting to attend shall forfeite the su*m*me of six pence for the vse of the Corporac*i*on.

Ib., fos. 26-26 a.

1696, Tuesday, October 6.

Ordered that the Bellman doe giue notice by Cryeinge, etc., that all persons who haue stalls against the Markett Wall[1] remove the same to some place convenient, or otherwise they will be pr*e*sented.

3464, fo. 5.

1696, Friday, November 6.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this day, vpon the Moc*i*on of M*aste*r Samuell Watkinson, one of the vndertakers of the water-works, that a tyme may be appointed for the Corporac*i*on and other persons to come into, to subscribe for Shares in the said workes, itt is concluded and agreed that Christmas next be the furthest tyme for subscribers to subscribe for the Shares in the said works, and noe longer, etc., according to the proposalls, etc. 3464, fo. 6 a.

1696, Tuesday, December 1.

[2]The question beeing putt, whether the house of Co*m*mons bee petit*i*oned relateinge to the Bill about Elecc*i*on of Parlyam*en*t men for the Countyes, Cittyes, and Burrowes, and that the Electors may haue freedome of Elecc*i*ons according to their ancient freedome and Libertyes, itt was carryed in the affirmative, *nemine contradicente*, and that the house of Co*m*mons be petic*i*oned accordingly. M*aste*r Mayor, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Trigge, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Lealand, M*aste*r W*illia*m Greaves, M*aste*r W*illia*m Briggs, M*aste*r Jo*h*n Wingfild, and as many more shall attend. *Ib.*, fo. 7 a.

1697, Friday, April 23.

Ordered, That the Tyth-hay belonging to the Free-Schoole be lett by Lease the next hall-day to the best chapman,[3] and that the Bellman doe crye the same. *Ib.*, fo. 13.

[1] The superfluous words 'that they' here follow in the MS.

[2] Noticed in Bailey, iii., 1052.

[3] *i.e.*, bidder. Dr. Johnson defines a chapman as 'one that offers as a purchaser.'

1697, Thursday, May 20.

Ordered, that M*aste*r Moakes, Booke-Seller, and M*aste*r Dennisthorpe, a pr*e*tended Apothecary, be discharged from vseing their severall trades w*i*thin the Towne of Nott*ingham*, by M*aste*r Mayor's officers. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1697, Friday, May 28.

Agreed this day, that M*aste*r Jos*eph* Briggs and M*aste*r Jo*hn* Wingfeild shall haue a Lease of the Tythe hay, belonging to the Free schoole, at 40 li. *p*er *Ann*um, payable 14 dayes after La*m*mas; To enter as at Mayday last, for 7 yeares, and not to exceed 2s. an acre, composic*i*on, in the best feilds and meadowes: And to take the Tyth in kinde of such who shall refuse to pay: composic*i*on not to exceed 8d. per acre in the said feilds and Meadowes. *Ib.*, fo. 14 a.

1697, Friday, July 9.

Whereas itt hath beene found by dayly experience that the keeping and placeinge of Gosse-hovells, Gosse-stacks, and other Combustable matter, by Bakers and others, in the Towne of Nott*ingham*, is of very greate hassard and danger to all the Inhabitants of the said Towne, And by reason whereof there hath beene lately two very dangerous Fires w*h*ich might haue hassar[d]ed and endangered the fireinge of the wholl Towne: to pr*e*vent w*h*ich hassards and dangers for the future, Itt is, therefore, ordered, this pr*e*sent day, by M*aste*r Mayor and the Councell, That noe Gosse-hovell or stacke shall be from henceforth suffered or permitted to be, stand erected, or kept by any person or persons whatsoever w*i*thin the said Towne, butt that the Bakers and others who shall haue occation (*sic*) for keeping, haueing and makeing of Gosse-hovells and stacks for the future, shall haue convenient places assigned for them for the erecting, setting and placeing of Gosse-hovells and kidd[1] stacks by M*aste*r Mayor and the Councell in the outplaces and parts of the said Towne. And in case any person or persons shall pr*e*sume to keepe, erect, or continue any Gosse-hovell, kidd[1] stacke, or other combustible[2] matter contrary to this order, they shall be proceed[ed] against according to Law; And they who haue such Stacks, etc., to haue a monthe's tyme for removeing thereof. And that noe Baker

[1] *kid*, a bundle more generally of heath or furze than of wood, as below; *cidwlen*, Welsh, a faggot; 'and' is repeated in MS. before 'kidd.' [2] combustible,] 'combustle,' MS.

shall keepe in or neare his Bakehouse any Gosse or wood kidds, or other Combustable matter, att one tyme, aboue the quantitye of twenty Gosse or wood kidds and noe more. Master Mayor, Master Alderman Hoe, Master Alderman Greaves, Master Briggs, Master Hardmett, Master Bilby, senior, Master Wingfeild to sett oute places, etc. *Ib.*, fos. 16-16 a.

Memorandum, Itt is this day ordered that those who haue Burges parts in East Croft, shall forthwith mowe and Cutt the grasse on the Burges parts; And for the future they are to mowe and cutt the same within fourteene dayes next after Midsommer day yearly, according to the Ancient Custome. And if they refuse soe to doe, that then they shall pay the old rent for their Burges parts, and not haue any abatement of their six shillings and eight pence which they haue abated them. *Ib.*, fo. 16 a.

1697, Wednesday, August 18.

School: Memorandum, That this day Master Griffith, the schoole-Master, appeared vpon summons, and beeing charged for neglecting the schoole, whereby the schoole is much decayed in itts reputacion; he did then promise that he would not preach, or take vpon him any pastorall office or care, and desired that Master Carrill, Master Drake, and Master Simpson may examine the schollers of the Free-schoole as to their learning, and the Method of his teatching (*sic*), which is agreed to be done the weeke after Michaelmas next.

Memorandum, That this day Master Abraham Grooby appeared vpon Summons, and vpon debate concerning his keeping a Spinning Schoole for Wooll and Jersey, and teachinge of poore Children, itt is ordered and agreed that the Sallary of 20 li. per Annum, and the six pounds for his house rent, be suspended, and taken off from Lammas last. And that he pay whatt of the 50 li. lent him by the Corporacion is remaininge in his hand vpon Accompt, att Candlemas next. And then itt to be left to the Corporacion what they shall think fitt to allowe him for this ensueing halfe yeare from Lammas last, and he to retorne the wheeles, with the materyalls, to the Corporacion.

Ib., fo. 20.

1697, Thursday, September 16.

Memorandum, that this day Master Jacob Tibson paid into the Chamberlains' hands ye summe of 5 li. which, with the 15 li. received last hall-day of Master Daniell Tibson, make vp 20 li., which summe

was given to the Corporac*i*on for the use of 20 poor Widdows of S*ain*t Nicholas' Parish, to be paid by 20s. yearly to ye Overseers of ye poor of ye s*ai*d P*ar*ish, and by them distributed for ye use aforesaid; and itt is hereby ordered that this shall be entred into the Chamberlains' Book as an Annuall Charge upon them, to pay ye same to ye s*ai*d Overseers. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

1697, Wednesday, September 22.

Ordered, that the Bridge-Masters doe pay vnto M*aste*r Benjamine Greene and M*aste*r Samuell Watkinson, fifty pounds, w*hi*ch shall be allowed in their Accompts, itt beeinge part of the moneys the Mayor and Burgesses are to pay vnto them for the foure parts or shares of the water-works in the Towne of Nott*ingham* purchased of them. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1697, October 22.

[1]The Question beeinge putt [if] itt be for the profitt of the Corporac*i*on to haue a Towne's husband[2] or nott, and who, it was carried in the affirmative, and that Ge*orge* Wallis, the old officer, be continued.

Ordered that Francis Stephens, the Mowdy Warpe, or Mole Katcher, be discharged as a vselesse officer, *and that every person pay for the moles taken in his owne ground.*[3]

*M*emoran*d*um, that itt is this day agreed that M*ist*r*i*s Cooper, of London, be writt to in answer to a Letter rec*eive*d from her about the Free-school houses in London, and that betwixt this and Lady day next, some person will come to London who will haue direcc*i*ons to treate w*i*th her from this Corporac*i*on: the houses are in 'flower-de-Luce' Lane. 3465, fo. 6.

Itt is this day ordered that his Ma*je*stye's proclamac*i*on for peace shall be proclamed w*i*th the vsuall Ensignes of Loyalty to the Kinge, and M*aste*r Mayor to be attended by the Aldermen, Coron*er*s, Sherriffes, Co*m*mon Councell men, Clotheinge, and the officers of the Towne, att the p*ro*clameing thereof; And what is further to be done after the proclamac*i*on to be left to the discreation of M*aste*r Mayor and his brethren. *Ib.*, fo. 6 a.

[1] Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1053.

[2] Husband = economist. See Bailey for a full explanation of the office.

[3] The italicised words are underscored in the MS.

1697-8, Friday, January 28.

Itt is this day Agreed, *nemine contradicente*,[1] that M*aste*r Mayor that now is, and his successors, shall haue twelue pounds[2] allowed him, and to be paid by the Chamberlyns quarterly, in order the better to enable him to entertaine the minister who preaches the Lecture-Sermon every Wednesday weekely; the first quarterly paym*en*t to be made att Lady Day next. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

Whereas itt hath beene found very inconvenient in Lendinge the Towne's pewter and plate, itt is therefore agreed and ordered that the said pewter and plate shall not be from henceforth lent to any person or persons whatsoever, except att the publiqu*e* Feasts of the Mayor, Sherriffes, Midletorne Juryes, and other publiq*ue* Feasts vpon the Corporac*i*on's accompt. *Ib.*, fo. 13 a.

1697-8, Tuesday, February 8.

Ordered, that the house at S*ain*t Anne Well late in the possession of Widdow Stanor*ie*, be made w*i*th the same Cov*enan*ts the old Lease was made, and thatt he[3] haue Liberty to sett vp a windall for haileing of boates, at the pleasure of the Corporac*i*on, doeing noe damage to the Corporac*i*on, and that he doe nott cutt any Ash trees; and to pay 5 li. an acre for every acre he shall plow there w*i*thout the Leave and consent of the Corporac*i*on.

1698, Thursday, April 13.[4]

Ordered that specyall care shalbee taken to prosecute and suppresse all forrainers from and for vseing any trade w*i*thin the said Towne, and alsoe all others who shall vse any Trade in the said towne vnto w*hi*ch they haue not served as an Appr*e*ntice (*sic*) w*i*thin the said Towne, tho' he, or they be a Burges or Freeman of the said Towne. And that a convenient number of persons in every ward shall be appointed to gett what contribuc*i*ons they can for that purpose. *Ib.*, fo. 20.

1698, Thursday, May 26.

The question being putt, whether or no Grasse in the Meadowes shall stand and be uncutt for a Week after Midsu*m*mer by reason of

[1] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

[2] This was increased to £20 by an order of the 13th April following, and the first quarterly payment was to be made at Midsummer.

[3] *i.e.*, the lessee.

[4] '*Die Jovis, quarto decimo die Aprilis,*' MS. (Thursday, the *fourteenth* day of April.) Thursday was, however, the thirteenth.

the backwardnesse of the Spring, and whether or no the Burgesses shall be stinted in putting in their Cattell into the same, and how many shall be their stint, itt was carryed in the affirmative by the Majority of Votes, And is hereby ordered that the Grasse in ye s*ai*d Meadows shall stand for a week after Midsu*mm*er day; And that the Burgesses shall putt into the s*ai*d Meadows three Cattell apiece and no more; upon pain of every one offending ag*ains*t this pr*e*sent Order to forfeit the su*m*me of 3s. and 4d. for every horse or beast so putt in, contrary to the tenor thereof; and that ye Cryer do publishe this present Order, that ye Burgesses and Landholders may take Notice thereof. *Ib.*, fos. 22-23.

1698, Friday, August 5.

The question beeing putt, whether the Butter-Crosse shalbe removed, itt was agreed, *nemine contradicente*, that itt be removed, and M*aste*r Chamberlyn Frith agreed to remove and finish itt for fiue pounds. M*aste*r Mayor, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Salmon, Ald*erman* Watkinson, M*aste*r Briggs, M*aste*r Berne, M*aste*r Reynolds, and as many more as shall thinke fitt. *Ib.*, fo. 26.

1698, Tuesday, August 30.

Bee itt remembred, that itt is this day Agreed and concluded vpon by M*aste*r Mayor and the Co*m*mon Councell, *nemine contradicente*, that all the boates and vessells comeinge from Sawley and Wilne, in the County of Derby, be stopped att the Trent Bridges from passinge the River Trent, the said River of Trent beeinge Navigable noe further then the Trent Bridges. And itt is further ordered, that the Arches of the said Trent Bridges shalbe chayned and stopped vp, to prevent the passinge of the said Boates. And that what charges of Law and suites shall happen to be brought and expended in and aboute the said stoppage and chayneinge vp of the said Arches, and the hinderinge of the passages of the s*ai*d Boates, shalbe borne att the charges of this Corporat*i*on. And that younge M*aste*r Francis Ward, M*aste*r John Best, and George Wallis, the Towne's husband, are to take notice of such persons who mannage the s*ai*d boates and vessells, and who hayle the same, and of their names, in order to p*ro*secute them for their trespassinge vpon the Towne's ground.[1] *Ib.*, fo. 30.

[1] An agreement was entered into, on the 13th September following, with the Derby men, to bring a suit-at-law to trial, they giving acknowledgment to the Corporation, and the boats to pass through the bridge till the trial.

The question beeing putt, whether the Clay and Sandfeilds shall be stinted as to the stinte of Sheepe, and what stinte shall be made in the said feilds, itt was carried, *nemine contradicente*,[1] that the stinte of sheepe in the said feilds shall be reduced to forty; And all persons are to take notice thereof; And the Bellman is [to] Crye the same, and no person is to haue Co*mm*on or pasture for any more sheepe in the said feilds; vpon penalty of forfeitinge for every sheepe over and aboue that number, foure pence, to be paid to the Chamberlyns of the Towne for the tyme beeing, for the vse of the Corporac*i*on; to be levyed by distresse, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1698, Friday, September 23.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this day M*aste*r Alderman Greaves brought into the hall a certaine by-Law or Order of Councell, allowed and approved of by Judge Turton att the last Assizes, in order to be entred into the Leager-booke, against Forraignors vseinge Trades w*i*thin this Towne against the Custome of this Towne, w*hi*ch order is lodged in the Coventry-box w*i*th the Coventry bonds. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1698, Monday, October 10.

Ordred that Francis Salmon, Ald*erman*, Thomas Collin, Ald*erman*, M*aste*r Joseph Briggs, M*aste*r Francis Armstrong, and M*aste*r John Reynolds doe Veiw and measure a parcell of Ground, neare the markett-wall, in order to retorne answer to several gent*lemen* about their proposalls of Building a County-hall, and that they, with M*aste*r Mayor, doe treat with them about the same.

Ordred, that the Sheriffs' officer or officers att the Lower end of the Towne doe take the Sheriffs' tolls at the Trent Bridges as Usuall, and not att the Leen Bridges, and that the Sherriffs be acquainted herew*i*th. 3466, fo. 5.

1698, Tuesday, November 22.

Ordered, that in Case Darby men shall endeavo*u*r to make the River Darwen Navigable, the same shall be opposed by this Corporac*i*on.[2] *Ib.*, fo. 8.

Itt is this day agreed, if any person or persons, Members of this

[1] *Translation:* no one gainsaying.

[2] A petition was sealed on the 1st February following, to be sent to the House of Commons, against a bill for making the Derwent navigable, and an order of Council was made that Chesterfield, Mansfield, Warsop, Blyth, Retford, Lincoln, Boston, Hull, Newark, etc., should be 'writ' to for petitions.

house, shall nott appeare in their Gownes, att the tymes appointed at the hall, or w*i*thin a quarter of an hower after, haueing noe licence or excuse, shall forfeite one shillinge to the vse of the Corporac*i*on.

Ib., fo. 8 a.

1698, Tuesday, December 19.

*M*emoran*d*um, that itt is this day ordered that M*aste*r Griffyn, the present M*aste*r of the Freeschoole, shalbe removed from his said place of M*aste*r of the said Freeschoole, he haueing verry much Neglected his duty therein, whereby the said Freeschoole is verry much decayed and lessened, to the greate p*re*judice and damage of the Burgesses of the said Towne in perticuler, and to the Inhabitants of this towne in generall, they beeinge necessitated to send their Children to other Schooles in the Countryes for their Educ*ati*on, to their greate charge and expence. And that the Schoole Wardens doe giue him a discharge, w*hi*ch they haue done accordingly. And if he shall refuse to leave the s*ai*d Freeschoole by Laydy day next, that they shall w*i*thdrawe his Sallary. *Ib.*, fo. 10.

1698-9, Monday, February 6.

Ordered, that a petic*i*on be drawne and Sent vp to the Parlyam*en*t against the further Coyning of farthings and halfe pence. *Ib.*, fo. 13.

1699, Friday, May 5.

Ordered that M*aste*r Alderman Rickards, M*aste*r Alderman Watkinson, and one of the Chamberlyns doe attend the Right Noble, the Duke of Newcastle, in order to satisfye his Grace about the A*m*monition money demanded of this Corporac*i*on, etc.

Ordered that the Schoole Wardens doe a new discharge M*aste*r Griffith, Schoole Master; and in Case he doe not resigne, that an Ejectm*en*t be delivered him to through[1] him out of possession; or if he will giue under his hand and seale that he will surrender Imedyately, he shall haue his Sallary till Christmas next.[2]

Ib., fo. 14.

1699, Friday, June 16.

Whereas Complaint hath beene made vnto this hall by Severall of the Inhabitants of the s*ai*d Towne, That diverse persons w*i*thin the said Towne who haue and keepe places and yards for laying of

[1] 'through' = throw.

[2] After 'surrender,' the order originally ran: 'betwixt this and Christmas next, he may haue his vsuall sallary,' these words being cancelled.

Coales in order to sell the same againe, haue bought such excessive quantityes of Coales, and doe forestall and hinder the bringinge of Coales to the Towne, whereby Coales are become verry scarce and deare, Itt is therefore ordered that the persons who are guilty of the s*ai*d offence shall be discharged for soe doeing. And in case they shall persist and continue to buy and forestall Coales vntill the Inhabitants of the said Towne shalbe furnished w*i*th Coales, That they shalbe prosecuted for the same according to Lawe.

Ordered that the Chamberlyns doe pay fiue pounds towards a plate to be run for vpon Nottingham and Basford Lings at the next horse-Race. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1699, Thursday, August 10.

Ordered that M*aste*r John Brammer, the Cooke, haue the old Sallary of Six pounds *per Ann*um, from Mich*aelm*as Next, but he is not to be allowed anything to the Midletorne Juryes' Dinners, but the persons where they dyne to pay him. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1699, Friday, August 18.

Itt is this day agreed that his Grace, the Duke of Schomburge, be attended by the Corporac*i*on in their formallitye,[1] and be pr*e*sented w*i*th the vsuall pr*e*sents to persons of his quallity.

Ib., fo. 17 a.

[2]I, A. B., doe sincerely promise and sweare, That I wilbe faithfull, and beare true Allegiance to his Majestye Kinge William.

Soe helpe me God.

I, A. B., doe sweare, that I doe from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure as Impious and heriticall, this dampnable doctrine and position, That princes Excomunicated or deprived by the pope, or any Authority of the see of Roome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or any other whatsoever.

And I doe declare, that noe Forreigne Prince, person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to haue any Jurisdicc*i*on, power, superiority, Preheminence, or Authority, Ecclesiasticall or sperituall, within this Realme. Soe helpe me God.

3467, fo. 1.

[1] formallitye,] 'for*n*allitye,' MS.

[2] The oaths which follow were administered this year to the new Mayor and members of the Council, etc., the renouncing of the Covenant being in some cases 'respited.'

1699, Tuesday, December 12.

Whereas this house hath heretofore been Imposed upon by p*er*sons being made Burgesses who have had no rights, and this for want of due Informac*i*on ab*ou*t the rights of such p*er*sons, To pr*e*vent which for the future, Itt is ordered that no person shall be made Burgesse, at any Hall-day, vnlesse such p*er*son shall, at some Hall-day before, offer his name in writing to the Mayor and Councell of the s*ai*d Town, whereby they may have knowledge of such p*er*son's Intenc*i*ons, that they may Inform themselves of such p*er*son's right to be made a burgesse or no. And this order to be made publick by the Co*m*mon Cryer. *Ib.*, fo. 7 a.

1699-1700, Tuesday, January 23.

Itt is this day agreed by this house, that the Schoole-Wardens Doe pay M*aste*r Griffiths,[1] M*aste*r of the Freeschoole, his Sallary, and he to continue Schoole M*aste*r till further order. *Ib.*, fo. 8.

1699-1700, Tuesday, February 6.

The Question being put, whether or[2] . . . .

Ordered by this house (*nemine contradicente*[3]), that all such persons as are now Apprentices to any Trades w*i*thin this Town, shall bring in their Indentures att the next hall-day, to be Inrolled in the booke for that purpose. And that all others who shall at any time hereafter be bound Apprentice to any p*er*son or p*er*sons w*i*thin the said Town, shall Inroll their severall Indentures att the next Hall-day after their being respectively bound. And that, for the future, no person shall be made a Burgesse of this Town vnlesse he produce his Indentures at the time he comes to be sworn, and be also Inrolled in manner abovesaid. And that this order shall be publisht[4] by the Co*m*mon Cryer. *Ib.*, fo. 10.

1700, Tuesday, April 16.

Whereas complaint has been made to this house, That the want of a Chimney in the Goal has been very disco*m*modious, and a great annoyance to the Neighbours there: To pr*e*vent which for the future, Itt is ordered by this house, That the Chamberlaines do take care that a convenient Chimney be built in the Goal w*i*th as much expedic*i*on as may be, and to order it to be made so that it may not weaken the same. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

[1] Griffiths,] 'Griff*r*iths,' MS.

[2] Blank in MS.

[3] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

[4] publisht,] 'publist,' MS.

1700, Thursday, June 13.

Ordered, that this Corporac*i*on do allow five pounds towards buying a Plate or Plates to be run for upon Nottingham Course, as is usuall. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1700, Thursday, June 27.

Ordered that M*aste*r Huthwait, M*aste*r Armstrong, M*aste*r Firth, M*aste*r Richards, M*aste*r Barke, M*aste*r Radfarth, and the Chamberlains do meet the undertakers of the Waterworkes, on the behalfe of the Corporac*i*on, as oft as they meet to consult about the same.

Ib., fo. 17 a.

1700, August 13.

*M*emoran*d*um, that this day M*aste*r Charles Chadwicke was sworne Steward to the Mayor and Sherriffes of this Towne, att M*aste*r Mayor's house, in the roome of M*aste*r Richard Knight, late dec*ease*d, there beeing pr*e*sent the two Sherriffes, M*aste*r Mayor, M*aste*r Alderman Salmon and M*aste*r Alderman John Rickards. *Ib.*, fo. 4 b.

1700, Friday, September 26.

Whereas John Blount, who hath now a Burgesse part, has lived out of this Town of Nottingham for above a year, by which, according to the Custome of the s*ai*d Town, and by vertue of a former order made by this house, he ought to part with and resigne his s*ai*d Burgesse part: Itt is therefore ordered by this house, That unlesse the s*ai*d John Blount shall make it appear to this house, That he does pay Scott and Lott[1] in this Town, his s*ai*d Burgesse part shall be taken from him, and allotted to another. Itt is further ordered that, for the future, all such persons as leave this Town for above a year, shall lose their respective Burgesse parts. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

1700, Tuesday, November 19.

The question being putt, whether or no the pr*e*sent or future Chamberlains shall have any Burgesse-parts allotted to them before they fall to them by Course as other Burgesses, It was carryed in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente.*[2] 3468, fo. 5.

1700, Friday, November 29.

The question being put, whether or no a person who is a Burgesse born, or hath served an Apprenticeship to a Freeman of this Town, w*i*thin the Town, and afterwards lives in the Country, shall, during

[1] 'Scot and lot,' parish payments. (Johnson.) [2] *Translation:* no one contradicting.

the time of his Abode there, be sworn a Burgesse of this Corporac*i*on, Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes.

The question being put, whether or no William Crafts, Frameworke-Knitter, now a Burgesse of this Corporation, shall be Disfranchised, and lose his right of Burgesseship, for striking and offering many Affronts to M*aste*r Samuell Watkinson, the pr*e*sent Mayor of this Town, contrary to his Burgesse Oath: Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes, And it is hereby ordered that the s*ai*d W*illia*m Crafts be Disfranchized accordingly.

The question being put, whether or no such p*er*sons as have been, or shall be putt out Apprentices by the Overseers, etc., of the Parishes w*i*thin the s*ai*d Town, shall be made Burgesses of this Corporac*i*on, although they were not bound to Burgesses, It was carryed in the Negative by the Majority of votes. *Ib.*, fo. 6.

1700-1, Friday, February 13.

Ordered by this House, That application be made to the Parliam*en*t this session, for the obtaining an Act of Parliam*en*t for setting on worke and employing the poor of this Town (there now being great encouragem*en*t given by the said Parliam*en*t), And, for that end, it is further ordered, that M*aste*r Ald*erman* Trigge, M*aste*r Ald*erman* Salmon, M*aste*r Green, M*aste*r Sterrop, M*aste*r Huthwait, M*aste*r John Collin, M*aste*r Richards and M*aste*r Chamberlain Firth, and as many others of this Corporac*i*on as think fitt, do meet weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the Afternoon, att the Office-Chamber, to Consult of and agree upon propper Methods to be taken for the Management and obtaining of the same. And that they do desire the Company and Assistance of as many others of this Town as may be serviceable in this matter. *Ib.*, fo. 9.

1700-1, Friday, March 21.

The question being putt, whether or no the Parliam*en*t shall be petic*i*oned this Session by this Corporac*i*on for an Act of Parliam*en*t to erect Workhouses w*i*thin this Town, and employ the poor thereof, Itt was carryed in the Affirmative, *nemine Contradicente.*[1] *Ib.*, fo. 10.

1701, Thursday, April 3.

Ordered, That the Chamberlains do make an Arch over the Rowell[2] att the West end of S*ain*t Peter's Church Yard, and Levell

[1] *Translation:* no one contradicting. The petition was sealed on the following day.
[2] Sewer, or drain.

the Ground over the same and thereabouts, in such manner as they shall think propper. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

1701, Thursday, April 10.

The question being putt, Whether or no the Bill to be sent up to the Parliam*en*t men, in order to gett an Act for employing the poor of this Town, be sent up as the same is now filled up, and corrected, and whereby the Mayor and Aldermen have severall powers therein, and be not altered, according to M*aste*r Farewell's method, to Lodge part of the s*ai*d powers in the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers: Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes, and Ordered that the s*ai*d Bill (exclusive of M*aste*r Farewell's Alterac*i*ons), be writt fair over, and sent up to our Members for the purpose afores*ai*d. *Ib.*, fo. 13.

1701, Tuesday, April 29.

The question being put, whether or no the Bill of M*aste*r Roby Sherwyn concerning a suite w*hi*ch was prosecuted ag*ains*t M*aste*r Alderman Trigge, ab*ou*t the distributing some Corn to the poor, to appease them, they having assembled together in a Riotous manner, for the distribution of w*hi*ch Corn the said Ald*erman* Trigge was sued by one Fotherby, the owner (tho' the s*ai*d Fotherby did Consent to the disposing of the s*ai*d Corn to the poor aforesaid), be paid by this Corporac*i*on or no (it being a publick Concern), It was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1701, Thursday, June 19.

*Mem*orand*um*, this day M*aste*r John Sulley was sworn a Burgesse of this Town on acc*oun*t of his being the Eldest son of his Father after he was made Burgesse, and on no other acc*oun*t; and therefore M*aste*r Gervase Sulley is looked upon as no Burgesse, he being made by a pretence of being his Father's eldest son after he was Burgesse, tho' in truth he was not, and for that reason was disfranchised. *Ib.*, fo. 17 a.

1701, Monday, July 28.

Ordered that the Hon*ourab*le, the Earle of Kingston, be waited upon to-Morrow by this Corporac*i*on, and that the Chamberlain[s] do pay 2 Guinneas to the steward, for the Servants, in lieu of the present w*hi*ch usually was sent, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 20 a.

1701, Thursday, October 23.

*Mem*oran*d*um, this day M*aste*r Noon and M*aste*r Drury reported

to this house, That they had, w*i*th M*aste*r Wildbore, surveyed this Corporac*i*on's Land at Lambley, and did bring a draught thereof into this hall, w*i*th the particular Contents thereof, which contents are[1] as follows :—

	Acres.	Roods.	Perches.
1st New Close in 3 parts—			
1st part next Lambley	17	3	5
2d part next Arnhold	20	1	28
3d part adjoyning to them both	18	0	0
The Killcroft ends	16	3	23
The Meadow Plott	22	2	32
The little Meadow	4	0	24
The full contents	99	3	32

3469, fo. 7.

1701, Thursday, October 30.

Ordered that Public notice be given to all the Town's Tenn*an*ts that neglect or refuse to grind att the Town's Mills, pursuant to the Covenants in their severall Leases, for them to appear att the next Hall, to shew cause why they don't observe their s*ai*d Covenants. And, in case they refuse to appear, that they be forthwith proceeded ag*ains*t, accordinge to Law. *Ib.*, fo. 8.

1701-2, Tuesday, March 3.

The Question being putt, whether or no the Hollow near the Beastmarkett be Arched and filled up, Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1701-2, Thursday, March 5.

The Question being putt, whether or no the profitts of Lambley Lands shall be appropriated and applyed towards putting out poor Burgesses' Children Apprentices, or to what other use, Itt was carryed by ye Majority of Votes that the s*ai*d Proffitts be applyed towards putting out the Children of such poor Burgesses who live in the Town, and are otherwise Qualifyed, as the Deed directs, as this Corporac*i*on shall agree upon, when they have Notes from the Overseers of the respective parishes, of Boyes fitt to be putt out. And for that purpose, Itt is ordered that the said Overseers have Notice to bring in Lists of fitt persons the next hall-day. And that one halfe of the s*ai*d proffitts be for S*ain*t Marye's Parish, and the other

[1] 'are' repeated in MS.

halfe for the other two Parishes equally. And itt is further ordered that no person so putt out have above four pound given to the Master with him; And that each Master give Security to save the Parish harmlesse, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

Whereas this day M*aste*r Mayor, by the Consent of the Councell, did send his Sergeant to M*aste*r Stephen Garner, Apothecary in this Town, to desire his attendance upon him att the Hall, which Sergeant, being returned, brought word that the s*ai*d Stephen Garner bid him tell M*aste*r Mayor that he would not come, and if M*aste*r Mayor had anything to doe w*i*th him, he might come to him (or to that effect); Therefore, the Question being putt, whether or no the s*ai*d Stephen Garner be, for such his Contempt and Neglect of Attendance, Disfranchized and turned out from being a Burgesse of this Town, and lose all his Priviledges as such, Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes. And the said Stephen Garner is hereby Disfranchized, and turned out, from henceforth, from being a Burgesse of this Town of Nottingham, and to lose all his Priviledges he now enjoys, as being Burgesse of the same. And itt is Ordered this day by this house, That the s*ai*d M*aste*r Garner be served w*i*th a Copy of this Order.[1] *Ib.*, fo. 15 a.

[1] On the following Thursday (the 12th), the order was confirmed, Garner having written a note consenting to be disfranchised, in order to qualify himself for 'evidence in a cause to be tryed the next Assizes, wherein the Rights and Priviledges of this Corporac*i*on are concerned.'

CALENDAR OF CHARTERS, ETC.

1625–1702.

The names of persons and places are printed in this Calendar as spelt in the original deeds.

I.—1 Car. to 20 Car. 1. Index of Statutes Merchants Bonds. 4648 b.

II.—1625, October 4. A book containing the names of the Burgesses of Nottingham, with memorandum of their tenements. 4649.

III.—1627, June 11. Writ from Charles I. to William Willoughbie, son and heir of Gilbert Willoughbie, deceased, reciting Decree of Commissioners for Charitable Uses, respecting payment of Willoughby's Charity, etc., etc. For Order of Chancery in same matter, see pp. 123-4. 4651.

IV.—1629. Jury Panel, Recognizances, and other legal documents, in the matter of George Robinson *v.* John Wood. Stretton MSS., No. XXXVIII.

V.—1628-9, February 21. Commission to Thomas Gilbert and others, to take evidence in a suit in the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster between the King and the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham: 'CHARLES, by the grace of God, kinge of England, Scotland, Fraunce and Ireland, Defender of the faith, etc., To our trustie and well-beloved Thom*as* Gilbert, Rob*er*te Butler, George Abell and Thomas Charleton, gent*lemen*, and to everie of them, greetinge: Whereas matter dependeth in varyance before our Chauncellor and Counsell of our Duchie of Lanc*aste*r, in our Duchie Chamber att o*u*r Pallace of Westm*inster*, between vs, by Informac*i*on pl*ain*t*iffs*, and the Maior and burgesses of the Towne of Nott*ingham*, Defend*an*ts: Wherein wee and the said p*ar*ties are proceeded and growne to full and p*er*fect issue, as by the pleadings there remayninge of record appeareth; We, willinge to bee ascertayned of the

truth of the said matter, will and require you, or anie two or more of you att tyme convenient, by you to be lymitted and appointed, to call before you, by vertue hereof, the said p*ar*ties, Defend*an*ts, and all such other p*er*sons as you shall thinke meete, to inquire of the said matter, as well by viewe, oath, evidence, p*er*ambulac*i*on, exa*min*ac*i*on of witnesses, as by all other good waies and meanes as to you shall seeme best: And allsoe to examyne all such witnesses as shalbee produced and come before you, aswell on our behalfe, as of the Defend*an*ts' behalf, vpon such Interr*ogacions* as shalbee exhibited and brought vnto you touchinge the said matter, and the circumstanc[e]s thereof; And therevpon of your facts, doeings, and proceedings herein, wee will and require you, or anie two or more of you, by your writings inclosed vnder your seales, togeather w*i*th theis our l*ett*ers and all Interr*ogacions*, exa*min*ac*i*ons, and deposic*i*ons hereby taken, faire ingrossed into p*ar*chment, to certefie our Chauncell*or* and Counsell of our Duchie of Lanc*aste*r, in our Duchie Chamber, att our Pallace of Westm*inster* in *Quindena Pasch*ae nexte comynge; Not faileinge hereof as wee trust you: Provided allwaies, that this our Co*m*mission shalbee executed att Bingham, vpon foureteene daies' warninge to bee given to Henrie Caldicote, Solicitor in the Cause on o*u*r behalf, of the daie and tyme of the execuc*i*on hereof: Geeven at our said Pallace, vnder the Seale of our said Duchie, the xxjth daie of Februarie, in the Fourth yeare of our Raigne. Gerard.'

4653.

VI.—1630, June 10. Lease by Alexander Staples, Mayor of the town of Nottingham, and the Burgesses of the same town, to Richard Hare, the elder, apothecary, and Richard Hare, the younger, mercer, of Newark Tolls, ('All that their toll and passage to them in any manner of wise appertaininge or belonginge to be . . . gathered at the Toll-meare next Newarke Briggs and Meryall Briggs, and at Gunthorpe, and other places accustomed for the same, in the County of Nottingham, except the toll and passage to be taken at Everton and Mattersey, and the places thereto belonginge, of all manner of Marchandises passinge thereby to any Feares or Marketts within this Realme of England'), for 21 years from Michaelmas, 1630. 4653 b.

VII.—1632, April 20. Bond in £120 from the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham to Thomas Potter, of the ('*les*') Brewhouses,

in the County of Nottingham, yeoman, and Elizabeth, his wife, to secure to them (the latter), an annuity of £10 10s. 0d., to be paid 'upon the Feast-day of St. Martin the Bishopp, in Winter, and the Feast-day of Phillipp and Jacob, commonlye called "Mayday," by even and equall porcions, att or in the Guildhall of the saied Towne of Nottingham, without any fraud, or further delay.' 4655.

VIII.—1633, July 2. Bargain, Sale, and Feoffment by Nicholas Sherwyn, of Nottingham, 'Tanner,' to John Gregorye, of Nottingham, 'gentleman,' of half an acre of Land, Meadow, and Pasture lying and being in the Meadows of Nottingham, and abutting east on the Calsey Pool, and west on the land of William Hunt, and lying between the land of the said John Gregorye, north, and the land of Edmund Claye, gentleman, on the south; such half acre of land, etc., being then in the tenure or occupation of the said Nicholas Sherwyn.
4656.

IX.—1633, August 10. Bond in £20 from Robert Benett, of Nottingham, yeoman, Richard Benett, of Nottingham, 'Coverlett-weauer,' and George Benett, of Nottingham, 'Coverlett-weauer,' to the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, for the performance of the covenants of a certain lease of the same date to the said Robert Benett, and his wife. 4657.

X.—1633. Copy of an Exchequer Decree relating to forfeited Recognizances in the City of Bristol: a decayed fragment. 4659.

XI.—1634-1642. Accounts of Overseers of the White Rents. An oblong book of 14 pages: the items are of no special interest.
4659 b.

XII.—1633-4, February 1. Grant from Henrye Sherwyn, of Nottingham, 'Tanner,' to John Gregorye, of Nottingham, 'gentleman,' of half an acre of land or pasture in the 'Claye-field,' between the land of William Gregorye, gentleman, on the north, and the land of Richard Dringe on the south, and abutting on the Beck towards the east, and a headland, late in the tenure of Marye Greaves, towards the west. In consideration of the sum of £10 paid by the said John Gregorye. 4660.

XIII.—1634, June 12. Mortgage, for securing £200, by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to Alderman William Nixe, of Nottingham, of 'a close of pasture, or parcell of ground,' containing 16 acres, known as 'the Easte Steynor,' situate in the towne of Nottingham, beyond the river Trent, at the further end of the Trent Bridges. 4662.

XIV.—1634, June 12. Counterpart of the same. 4663.

XV.—1635, June 15. Copy of Exemplification of that part of the Doomsday Book which relates to Nottingham. For the Exemplification itself, see pp. 16-21. 4665 b.

XVI.—1635, April 16 and 17. Bonds by Ellen Willson, widow, Robertt Bamforth, Innholder, Joan Groves, widow, and Ellen Smith, widow, all of Nottingham, with their Sureties, in £80 each to the King, not 'att any time hereafter, directlie or indirectlie,' to 'geue, sell, retayle, or vtter any manner of Tobaccoe or Tobaccoes in the Towne of Nottingham, to the preiudice of the Patentees now in being, or w*hi*ch hereafter shalbee, vnles' they 'shalbee therevnto first licenced by the king's Ma*jes*tie, his deputyes, or Assignes.' 4666.

XVII.—1636-7. A book of the Account of John Cooper and John Barrett, Overseers, of the receipts and expenses of the Malt-Mill, from November 25, 1636, to May 23, 1637. 4668.

XVIII.—1642, May 28. Bargain and Sale by Thomas Potter, of 'Hasle-Woode,' in the County of Derby, Ironmonger, to Joseph Parker, of Derby, Gentleman, of a messuage in 'Hasle-Woode,' in the Lordship, Manor, or Parish of Driffield, in the County of Derby, for the consideration-money of £240. 4669.

XIX.—1645-6, February 4. Copy Surrender by George Widowson, of Nottingham, Gentleman, to William Flamsteed, of Nottingham, Gentleman, of the office of Steward or Clerk of the Court of Record of the Town of Nottingham, Sealed, etc., before the Mayor, Thomas Gamble, in his presence, and that of John Fillingham, John Parker, and Thomas Huthwett. 4670.

XX.—1645-6, March 12. Lease by Huntingdon Plumptre, of



Nottingham, Esquire, to Henry Boote, of Nottingham, yeoman, of 3 acres of pasture-ground in the Clayfield of Nottingham, near Hungerhill, and known as 'St. Marye's Hadland,' 'to have and to hold' the same from 'the feast of the purification of the blessed Virgin Mary last past, unto ye full end and terme of Twenty and one yeares from thence next following.' 4671.

XXI.—1646-7, February 1. Copy from the Books of Record of the Town of Nottingham, of an ancient composition between the Prior of Lenton and the Burgesses of Nottingham, respecting the Lenton Fair; *circa* 1300. See vol. i., p. 60. 4672.

XXII.—1644-6. A book of the arrears of rents due to the town of Nottingham, arranged alphabetically by the tenants' names, shewing the arrears due to the Estates of the Chamber, the Bridge, and the School. 4673.

XXIII.—1647, September 24. Bargain and Sale between John Gregory, of Nottingham, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, and the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham (in consideration of £60 to be paid by the latter to the former), of the following pieces of ground in Nottingham, viz.: a 'parcell' of meadow-ground, of 1 acre, in the meadows; 2 'leyes' or 'parcells' of meadow-ground, of 1 acre, in the said meadows, and lying and being on the Little Rye Hill; and also an acre of land in the 'Clayfeild' of Nottingham, near the 'becke.' 4674.

XXIV.—1647-8, January 29. Feoffment by 'Mary Woolley,' of Nottingham, Widow, to William Flamsteed, of Nottingham, gentleman, and John Drewry, of Nottingham, butcher, in pursuance of the will of 'Thomas Wolley,' her late husband, of 2 cottages or tenements, 'with the appurtenances, and the yards, gardens, and backside thereto belonginge,' situate in Beck Lane, Nottingham, and an annuity of 40s. out of her 4 cottages in Goose-gate, Nottingham; 'yet, notwithstandinge,' to and for the use, benefit, and behoof of the said 'Mary Woolleye' for and during her natural life, and from and after her death, to and for the use, etc., of the poor of 'St. Marie's' parish, Nottingham, according to the limitations of the said Will. Signed, 'Mary Wolley.' 4675.

XXV.—1650, July 12. Articles of Agreement between the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, and Huntingdon Plumptre, of Nottingham, 'Esquier,' respecting 'one Messuage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, in Bellar gate,' Nottingham, 'in the tenure of William Porter,' and 'one other garden or orchard there, in the tenure of Robert Kinge,' granted by the said Mayor and Burgesses to the said Huntingdon Plumptre, Esquire, and his heirs, for the sum of £90: the said William Porter claiming to have a term of 9 years from Michaelmas, 1648, to 'come in the said Messuage and garden in his possession, at the yearly rent of twenty shillings, payable at Lady-day and Michaelmas, by equal portions,' and the said Robert Kinge holding the other garden as his Burgess-part, at the yearly rent of 8s., payable at Michaelmas and Lady-day, by equal portions. The Mayor and Burgesses to pay to the said Huntingdon Plumptre, Esq., his heirs, etc., 40s. yearly, so long as the said William Porter, his heirs, etc., shall keep possession, and £3 more yearly, so long as the said Robert Kinge, or his widow, etc., shall keep possession: the Mayor and Burgesses to receive the rents aforesaid. 4676.

XXVI.—1650, July 12. Counterpart Grant, Bargain, and Sale by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to the said Huntingdon Plumptre, Esq., for the consideration money of £95, of their Messuage or tenement, etc., in 'Beller Gate,' Nottingham, in the tenure of William Porter; and of their garden, etc., adjoining to the said Messuage, and lying betwixt 'Beller-gate' aforesaid, and the land of the said Huntingdon Plumptre, called Hollowstone Close, on the east and west part, and the land of Robert Hardye, and the highway called 'the Hollow Stone,' on the north and south part, containing half an acre, and in the occupation of Robert Kinge; and also of their piece of ground or waste, etc., known as 'the Pinder's fee,' in the Clayfield, betwixt the lands of the said Huntingdon Plumptre, called 'the Bleaching-place,' and the Beck, on the east and west part, and the footbridge leading over the said Beck, and the lands of Samuell Staples, gentleman, called 'Garrett Well Close,' on the north and south part, in the holding of John Heywood. 4677.

XXVII.—1650, September 3. Conveyance by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, in consideration of £12, to John Filling-

ham,[1] of Nottingham, gentleman, of 'one little peece or parcell' of ground, on the backside, Nottingham, near the 'Mault-Mill,' at Chapel-Bar, and containing 52 yards in length, part whereof was heretofore a 'garden-place,' and abutting on the Common or waste-ground there on the east; and part on the said 'Millne;' and part on the Common or waste ground there, on the west; and lying between the several lands of Edmund Clay and Thomas Jackson, gentlemen, on the north, and the highway on the south, and now or late in the tenure of the said John Fillingham. 4679.

XXVIII.—1650-1, January 17. Release by William Drewry, one of the Aldermen of the town of Nottingham, and William Flamsteed, of Nottingham, gentleman, of a rent of 3s. out of a tenement in Lister gate, in the tenure of William Ellison, 5s. out of another tenement in Nottingham, late in the tenure of William James, and now in the tenure of Richard Dringe, gentleman, and 5s. out of a tenement in Cow Lane, late in the tenure of Richard Dally, now in the tenure of Emott Dally. 4681.

XXIX.—1651, September 24.—Nottingham Jury Panel.
Stretton MSS., No. XXXIX.

XXX.—1652, November 8. Exchange by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham with Huntingdon Plumptre, of Nottingham, Esquire, in consideration of £20, to be paid by him to them, of their 2 cottages and 2 little gardens thereto belonging, on the east side of St. Mary's Gate, Nottingham, and of 1 selion,[2] 'ley,' or land containing 1 acre, known as 'St. Marie's head,' in the 'Clayfeild,' Nottingham, for 6 lands, selions, or 'leyes' of ground containing 3 acres, in the said 'Cleyfeild,' and lying and being on or near 'the Furlonge called Crabtree Wonge.' 4684.

XXXI.—1652-3, January 25. Counterpart Bargain and Sale by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to John Chamberline, of Nottingham, Apothecary, of a 'messuage, burgage, or tenem*en*t, w*i*th the app*u*rtenn*an*ces' situate on the north side of 'a streete or place there, called Rotten Row,' and of certain lands and buildings thereon, 'lyeinge on the backside of the said bargained messuage or tenem*en*t,'

[1] Alderman.

[2] 'selion,' a ridge of land.

and extending therefrom 'vnto a lane or place there, called the Woman's m*ar*kett.' 4685.

XXXII.--1661, August 14. Bond in £80, from the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the 'Citie of Coventry,' for the distribution of money from Sir Thomas White's Charity; *i.e.*, £40 'vnto fower young men of the same Towne for nyne yeares, according to the mind, devise, and intent of S*ir* Thomas White, late of London, Marchant-Taylor and Alderman, deceased.' 4686 b.

XXXIII.—1670, June 9. Charter from the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham to Jossuah Hill, gentleman, a burgess of Nottingham, acquitting him, and 'all his goods and Merchandize' (in accordance with the terms of King John's Charter, made at Clipstone, on the 19th March, in the first year of his Reign), 'of and from all manner of Toll, or other interrupc*i*ons or impediments whatsoever, either in his buyinge, sellinge, carryinge, tradeinge, or otherwise.'
Stretton MSS., No. XL.

XXXIV.—1673, August 19. Receipt by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to the Lord Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer, for a Standard Brass-Measure. 4688.

XXXV.—1677, June 24. Receipt by the King's Receiver-General, for taxes due from Nottingham, for building 30 ships of war. 'I, Mathew Jenison, Esquire, the King's Majestie's Receiver Generall for the Countie of Nottingham, and Towne of Nottingham, Doe acknowledge to haue received the Su*m*me of Sixty-five Pounds and tenne shillings, of the Collectors of the severall Wards within the said Towne of Nottingham, being the full Su*m*me charged on the same Towne, and on their severall collections, for the first Quarterly Payment of the Seventeene Months' Assessments, granted to his Ma*jes*ty, by an Act of Parliament made in the xxjxth yeare of his Reigne, for the speedy building Thirty Ships of War: Witnesse my hand and seale the Day and yeare abovesaid.' 4690.

XXXVI.—1677, December 15. Similar receipt by the same for £65 10s. 0d., for the third quarterly payment. 4691.

XXXVII.—1685. A list of the tenants of the Bridge lands, with the dates and particulars of their leases arranged alphabetically. 4692.

XXXVIII.—1688. Bundle of letters from the Mayor, Recorder, and others, with respect to the holding of Sessions, new Charter, and other business. 4692 c.

XXXIX.—1691-2, February 25. Order of Privy Council regarding grant of Charter to Nottingham. 'Upon Reading this Day, at the Board' a Report from the Attorney-General on the petition of the Corporation of Nottingham, for a 'Grant and Confirmation to them of all' the privileges, etc., 'which they, or their predecessors enjoyed before the Surrender thereof, with their late Charter,' in 34th Charles II., 'It was ordered by His Majesty in Council, that Mr. Attorney-General do Examine and Consider of the Differences between the Petitioners' former and present Charters, and Report the same, with his opinion, to this Board, on Thursday, the 3rd of March next, whereupon His Majesty will Declare his further pleasure.' 4692 d.

XL.—1692, December 20. Lease from Alice Barne, of the County of Middlesex, widow, to Jane Burrow, of Burrow-on-the-Hill, in the County of Leicester, widow, of a Messuage or Tenement, with appurtenances, etc., in Burrow aforesaid, now in the occupation of John Tyers, or his Assign, and of the Close or Pasture called 'Hutton's Close,' containing 5 acres, and in the occupation of the said Jane Burrow, or her Assigns, at Burrow aforesaid. 4693.

XLI.—1693, December 9. Articles between the Mayor and Burgesses, and Abraham Groobey, as to setting the poor at work. 'Articles of Agreem*en*t, Indented, had, made, concluded and Agreed vpon the Ninth day of December, In the fifth yeare of the reign of o*u*r most gracious Sou*er*eignes William and Mary, By the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King and Queene, Defend*er*s of the Faith, etc., *annoque Domini*,[1] 1693: Between the Maior and Burgesses of the Town of Nottingham of the one p*ar*te, and

[1] *Translation:* 'and in the year of the Lord.'

Abraham Groobey, of Melton, in the County of Leic*este*r, Woosten-Weaver, of the other part. Whereas the said Maior and Burgesses haue a desire, and theire intenc*i*on is, that the Poore People may be sett on Worke and imployed in the Spi*n*ning of Wooll, Whereby they [may] be Enabled to gett a Livelyhood by an honest Labo*u*r and Industry, and soe become less chargeable to the Inhabitants of this Town of Nottingham, They, the said Maior and Burgesses, for them-selues and their Successors, Doe Coven*ant*, p*ro*mise, and agree to and w*i*th the said Abraham Groobey, his Execu*to*rs and Adm*inis-trato*rs, by these p*rese*nts, in manner following, that is to say:

That they, the s*ai*d Maior and Burgesses shall and will pay and allow vnto the s*ai*d Abraham Groobey the Sum of Six pounds for one yeare for or towards the Rent of a convenient House for him to Dwell and teach the Spinners in; And that the said Maior and Burgesses shall at their Costs and Charges find and p*ro*vide forty Wheeles for such poore p*er*sons as shall Learne or be taught to Spin; And also that they allow and pay vnto the said Abraham Groobey twenty pounds, for One yeare, in recompense and satisfacc*i*on of the losse and damage he shall or may susteyne in the teaching of the s*ai*d Poore p*er*sons to Spin; And also they the said Maior and Burgesses to Lend him, the said Abraham Groobey, fifty pounds for one yeare, w*i*thout paying any Interest, he Giveing Securety by his own Bond for the repaym*en*t thereof; and if he happen to dye w*i*thin the said yeare, then the same to be paid w*i*thin One Month next i*m*mediately after his decease. The said fifty pounds is to be laid out and imployed in a Stock towards the Setting and Keeping the Poore Spinners in Worke. And that the said Abraham Groobey is to be freed and acquitted from the paym*en*t of All Assessm*en*ts and Levyes made for the Releife of the Poore dureing the said terme of One yeare. And they the said Maior and Burgesses are at the End and Expirac*i*on of the s*ai*d terme of one yeare (w*hi*ch is to co*m*-mence from the Second Day of February next ensuing), to give him his freedome, and make him a Burgess of this Town of Nott*ingham*: Provided alwayes, and vpon Condic*i*on, That if the said Abraham Groobey, after the Expirac*i*on of the said yeare, shall make a New Agreem*en*t w*i*th the Maior and Burgesses of this Town for the further imploying and continuing the Poore in Worke, vpon such reasonable and necessary p*ro*posalls and termes as shall be then declared or Offered to him, And also that if he p*er*forme and keep

on his part these p*rese*nt Articles of Agreem*en*t according to the true intent and meaning thereof, And yet the said Maior and Burgesses will not or shall not think fitt to continue him in the Imploying of Spi*n*ning of Wooll, and that it be found and made appeare that he hath a sufficient Stock further to manage it, and that the failure is on their parts, That then and in such case he shall haue his freedome in beinge a Burgess as aforesaid.

And the said Abraham Groobey Doth for himselfe, his Heires, Exec*uto*rs, and Adm*inistrato*rs (Vpon the Consid*e*rac*i*ons abovesaid), Coven*ant*, p*ro*mise, and Agree to and w*i*th the said Maior and Burgesses and their Successors by these p*rese*nts in manner following (that is to say), That he the said Abraham Groobey shall, on or before the said second Day of February next ensuing, imploy and set on Worke soe many Poore People as the Maior and Aldermen of this Town, or the Maior p*ar*te of them, shall think fitt to send to him, not exceeding the number of Six score, forty of w*h*ich are to be taught and Learned to Spin Wooll *gratis*, for the space of Three Months after the time of their begi*n*ning to Learne to Spin; And after the said three Months, he is to imploy them, and allow them as much for their Worke as they reasonable[1] deserue, and shall be adiudged by an honest and indifferent p*er*son no*m*i*n*ated and chosen by the Maior and the s*ai*d Abraham Groobey in that behalfe. And every three Months dureing the said terme of One yeare, he shall take soe many Poore People as the said Maior and Aldermen, or the Maior p*ar*te of them, shall think fitt to send, not exceeding the number of forty, and he to teach them and learne them to Spin *gratis*, and to have their Worke for his teaching; And,[2] after the expirac*i*on of three Months of their begi*n*ning to[3] be taught to Spin, he, the said Abraham Groobey, is to continue them imployed in Worke, and allow and pay vnto them as they shall reasonably deserue and [be] adiudged by an indifferent p*er*son no*m*i*n*ated as aforesaid; And the other p*er*sons w*h*ich can Spin, not exceeding the number of fowerscore, to be sent vnto him to be imployed and set on Worke, shall have such paym*en*t and allowance for the same as they shall reasonably deserue or [be] adiudged by such indifferent p*er*son as aforesaid.

[1] '*reasonable*' = reasonably. [2] 'they' unnecessarily inserted here in MS. [3] 'to' repeated in MS.

In witness whereof, to one part of these p*rese*nt Articles of Agreem*en*t remaining w*i*th the said Maior and Burgesses, the said Abraham Groobey hath put to his Hand and Seale, and to[1] the other part thereof remaining w*i*th the said Abraham Groobey, the said Maior and Burgesses haue caused their Co*m*mon Seale to be put the Day and Yeare first above written.' The Articles are 'Sealed and Deliu*er*ed' by 'Abraham Grooby,' in the presence of 'Theodor Hosbrook' and 'Rich. Knight.' 4694.

XLII.—1694, June 1. Counterpart Grant from the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to Elizabeth Smalley, of Nottingham, widow, of a small parcel of ground at Bridge-end, whereon part of her burgage or tenement is built; and of a piece of ground in Hollow-Stone, on the east side of the said tenement, and whereon the back-gates of the same are now set up; which 2 pieces of ground were formerly waste ground belonging to the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham. 4696.

XLIII.—1694-5, March 6. Release from Robert Allicocke, of Nottingham, grasier, to the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, of his right in two acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture, in the 'Clayfeild,' Nottingham, 'on a certain furlong there, called the Crow-hill,' [a blank space is left for the name of the occupier], in exchange for two cottages and gardens, with appurtenances, in Nottingham. 4698.

XLIV.—1697, July 7. Conveyance from the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to John Johnson, of Nottingham, wheelwright, of a 'barne or buildinge,' and land near the Leen Bridge. 4699.

XLV.—1701, March 12. Bond in £40 from Edward Mellars, of Nottingham, Barber, to the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to save them harmless against action in respect of Susanna Petty, who had forfeited a lease of a messuage, etc., on Timber-Hill, granted to her by the said Mayor and Burgesses, by assigning without licence. 4700.

[1] 'to' repeated in MS.



XLVI.—1701, December 8. Mortgage by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham to Ruth Barrell, of London, widow, of 'Manshall Parke, otherwise Mansfield Parke,' in the parishes of Duffield and Muggington, in the County of Derby, for the sum of £500.

5 4701.

APPENDIX.

The original of the following 'Orders,' forming part of the Stretton MSS., is preserved, in a frame, at the Nottingham Free Library.

Governor's Orders to the Nottingham Garrison.

1644, December.

M*aister* Maior and the Governor doe require all p*er*sons whatsoever within this Guarrison (for the better orderinge and gou*er*ninge of the same), to take notice of theis orders here following, as they will answer the contrary:

1. If any one shall bee found idlely standinge, or walkinge in the streete, in sermon-tyme, or playing at any games vpon the sabath, or fast-day, hee shall pay halfe A crowne, or suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same.

2. If any one shall bee found drinkinge in any Taverne, Inne, or Ale-house, on the Sabath or fast-day, hee shall pay 10s., or suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same; And the m*aister* of that house shall pay for every p*er*son soe taken in it xs., and if hee offend the second tyme, hee shalbee disenabled for sellinge wine, ale, or beare any more.

3. If any Taverne, Inne or Alehouse-keeper shall sell any wine, ale, or beare out of their houses vpon the sabath or fast-day (except to anyone who is sick), for the first offence hee shall pay vs., for the second xs., and for the third, disenabled for sellinge any wine, ale, or beare any more.

4. If any Tradesmen shall carry home any wares to any of their Customers on the sabath-day, they shall forfeitt their wares, and suffer A weeke imprisonm*en*t.

5. If anyone shall keepe open any shopps, or buy or sell any co*m*modities whatsoever on the sabath or fast-dayes, the buyer shall pay vs., and the seller xs., and suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same (vnles it bee vpon an extraordinary occasion for one that is sicke).

6. If anyone shall sweare, hee shall pay xijd. for every oathe, or suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same.

7. If any one shalbee druncke, hee shall pay five shillings, or suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same, and the m*aister* of the house where hee was made druncke shall pay xs., and likewise suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same.



8. If anyone shalbee found tiplinge or drinckinge in any taverne, Inne, or Alehouse after the houre of nyne of the clock at night, when the Tap-too[1] beateth, hee shall pay 2s. 6d., And the house, for the first tyme, shall pay 2s. 6d. for every man so found, and the second tyme 5s., and for the third tyme bee disenabled for sellinge wine, ale, or beare any more.

9. If any soldier[s] shalbee found drinckinge in their Quarters after nyne of the clock at night, when the Tap-too hath beaten, they shall pay 2s., or suffer 24 houres imprisonm*en*t, w*i*th bread and water.

10. If any Taverne, Inne or Alehouse-keeper shall sell any wine, ale, or beare (except vpo*n* an extraordinary occasion to one that is sicke), after the houre of nyne of the clock at night, after the Taptoo hath beaten, vntill the Revelly[2] hath beaten the next morninge, hee shall pay vs., or suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same; and hee who fetcheth the drincke after the aforesaid houre, shall pay 2s. 6d., or suffer imprisonm*en*t till hee pay the same.

Whosoever shall give Informac*i*on of any p*er*son who shall co*m*mitt any of theis offences, hee shall haue halfe the penalties sett vpon them for his rewarde.

Will. Nix, Maior.
John Hutchinson.[3]

[1] 'Tap-too' or Tattoo, a beat of drum and a bugle-call to warn soldiers to repair to their quarters; originally, to *shut* the *taps*, or drinking-houses, against the soldiers.

[2] 'Revelly' = *réveillée*, the sound of the drum or bugle at daybreak, to awaken soldiers.

[3] The MS. is endorsed:—'Gove*r*nor's Orders,' and also directed at the back, 'To Corporall Saxton at Maine-guard. 'Corporall,
'See to ye executeing these Orders today.
'Sabbath, December, 1644.
'Saml. Cotes.'
The day of the month has been cancelled so as to be undecipherable, and no fresh one has been substituted.

LIST OF MAYORS, SHERIFFS, ALDERMEN, COUNCILLORS, ETC.

1625-26–1701-2.

This list has been compiled chiefly from the Hall-Books of the period embraced. The remaining sources are those described in previous volumes. In the first year it has been thought convenient to reprint the names of the principal officials previously appointed. The old spelling of the names has been adhered to throughout.

1625-26 Stephen Hill, Mayor, Richard Collishaw and John Dodsley, Sheriffs. William Fletcher, Recorder in place of Robert Phippes, deceased. Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves, Chamberlains. William Nixe and Ralph Shawe, Coroners. John James and Henry Alvey, School-Wardens. Samuel Barrowes and William James, Bridge-Wardens. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, as before. Robert Staples or Stables, Richard Parker, Leonard Nixe, Robert Sherwin, Robert Parker and John James, Aldermen. Nicholas Tomlynson, Sheriffs' Clerk. Thomas Woolley, Mayor's Sergeant. William Hollyman, Anthonie Wolley, Robert Collen and Michael Gregorie, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Richard Willson, Common Sergeant. Francis Nixe, Woodward. Michael Brightman, Keeper of the Meadows. Thomas Shipman, Swineherd and Neatherd. John Patten and John Reeve, Field Reeves (appointed May 2, 1626). Nicholas Collton, elected of the Council, June 21, 1626, in the place of John Poynton, deceased. Roger Frenche, Homfrey Coggs, Richard Pireson, Salomon Sebastyon, Robert Freeman, Michael Brightman, and William Hopkyns, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 30.

1626-27 Robert Parker, Mayor. William Stancey[1] and Robert Egginton, Sheriffs. Richard Hardmett and Robert Harris, Chamberlains. Stephen Hill, Alderman. William Littlefare elected of the Council in place of Hughe Verdon, Gabriell Bateman in place of Mr. Oxley, and Richard Collishawe in place of Mr. Gamble, June 18, 1627. Sheriffs' Sergeants same as previous year, except Anthonie Wolley, whose name is deleted

[1] Stancey. So in Hall-Books, but printed 'Staicey' in vol. iv., p. 432.

and substituted by that of Thomas Bishopp. John Williamson, Neatherd and Swineherd. Henrie Gregorie and Gabriel Dun, Field Reeves, appointed May 23, 1627. Burgesses enrolled, 31.

1627-28 John James, Mayor. Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves, Sheriffs. Edward Richards and John Poynton, Chamberlains. William Gregorie, Alderman. William James and Nicholas Martyn, Bridge-Wardens. George Wydoson, Sheriffs' Clerk. John Heyward, Woodward. Homfrey Coggs, Richard Pireson, Salomon Sebastion, Richard Storr, Michael Brightman, William Hopkyns and John Heyward, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1628-29 Richard Parker, Mayor. Richard Hardmett and Robert Harris, Sheriffs. Richard Dringg and William Froste, Chamberlains. Alexander Staples, Alderman, in place of Robert Staples, retired on account of age and debility, August 10, 1629. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1629-30 Alexander Staples, Mayor. Edward Richards and John Poynton, Sheriffs. Francis Toplady and Richard Hare, Chamberlains. Michael Gregorie, Sheriffs' Sergeant in place of Michael Brightman. Thomas Morrice and Edward Barnes appointed Town Beadles, September 22, 1630. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1630-31 Robert Sherwin, Mayor. Richard Dringg and William Froste, Sheriffs. Gabriel Groves and James Beardsley, Chamberlains. William James and William Parker, Bridge-Wardens. Samuel Burrowes elected Coroner in place of Ralph Shawe, deceased, Richard Hardmett elected of the Council in place of Robert Heald, and Thomas Jackson, in place of Gabriel Groves, Chamberlain, October 19, 1630. Robert Collen, Michael Gregorie, Robert Tompson, and Thomas Widoson, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1631-32. Leonard Nixe, Mayor. Francis Toplady and Richard Hare, Sheriffs. Edmund Bampton and William Wattson, Chamberlains. William James and William Parker, Bridge-Wardens. Gabriell Dun appointed Field Reeve May 1, 1632. Sheriffs' Sergeants same, except William Hollyman, in place of Robert Tompson. Burgesses enrolled, 33.

1632-33 William Gregorie, Mayor. Gabriel Groves and James Beardsley, Sheriffs. Homfrie Greaves and Randall Millner, Chamberlains. William James and Gabriel Bateman, Bridge-Wardens.

Richard Hardmett elected Coroner in place of Samuel Burrowes, old and infirm, February 25, 1632-33. Sheriffs' Sergeants same except Robert Barker, or Baker, substituted for William Hollyman. Richard Pireson, Richard Storr, Salomon Sebastian, William Hopkin, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 24.

1633-34 Robert Parker, Mayor. Edward Bampton and William Wattson, Sheriffs. William Richards and William Drewrie, Chamberlains. Richard Turpin elected of the Council in place of William Drewrie, and Thomas Wolley in place of William Richards, October 11, 1633. William Parker, Coroner, in place of William Nixe. Burgesses enrolled, 27.

1634-35 John James, Mayor. Homfrey Greaves and Randall Millner. Sheriffs. Thomas Wolley and Richard Turpin, Chamberlains. Richard Hardmett and William Parker, Coroners, Thomas Stanley, Wait, sworn January 10, 1634-35. Richard Hardmett, elected Alderman, in place of Richard Parker, old and infirm, and Randall Millner, Councillor in place of Richard Hardmett, elected Alderman, and James Beardsley, Councillor, in place of Nicholas Mastyn, August 10, 1635. [1] Egginton, Roger Ryley, Robert Bate, and John Spencer, appointed Field Reeves, September 18, 1635. William Lockley, Swineherd. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1635-36 Richard Hardmett, Mayor. William Richards and William Drewrie, Sheriffs. Thomas Malen and Henrie Millner, Chamberlains. William Parker and Edward Morrice or Morris,[2] Coroners. William Drewrie and Richard Hardmett, Bridge-Wardens. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1636-37 William Nixe, Mayor. Thomas Wolley and Richard Turpin, Sheriffs. Joseph Winfeild and Thomas Jackson, Chamberlains. John Cooper and John Barrett elected of the Council in the places of Joseph Winfeild and Thomas Jackson, Chamberlains, October 12, 1636. John Williamson, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 18.

1637-38 Robert Sherwin, Mayor. Thomas Malen and Henrie Millner, Sheriffs. Henrie James and Thomas Gamble, Chamberlains. William Nix and Roger Derbishire, Bridge-Wardens. Robert Burton, Alderman. William Drewrie, John Sherwin, and Ezechias Reason elected Councillors, October 24, 1637.

[1] Christian name not given.

[2] Spelt both ways in Council-book.

Thomas Widoson, Robert Tompson, Henrie Richards, and Edmund Garland, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Salomon Sebastian, Richard Storr, Thomas Stanley, John Marshall, George Porter, Thomas Porter, and John Heyward, Waits.

1638-39 Robert Burton, Mayor. Joseph Winfeild and Thomas Jackson, Sheriffs. John Barrett and John Cooper, Chamberlains. Nicholas Sherwin, Mayor's Sergeant. Francis Toplady elected Alderman in place of Robertt Sherwin, Alderman, deceased, October 31, 1638. John Parsons, of the Council, in place of Richard James, Anthony Wright, in place of John Barrett, and William Sumner, in place of John Cooper, October 10, 1638. Burgesses enrolled, 31.

1639-40 William Gregorie, Mayor. Henrie James and Thomas Gamble, Sheriffs. John Sherwin and John Parsons, Chamberlains. Alderman Parker died this year: William Drewrie elected Alderman. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1640-41 William Drewrie, Mayor. John Cooper and William Parker, Sheriffs. John Tomlyn and George Alsebrooke, Chamberlains. Thomas Stevenson elected Councillor in place of John Tomlyn, October 8, 1640. Thomas Gamble elected of the Common Council in place of Robert Egginton, deceased, one of the Clothing, February 9, 1640-41. Robert Tompson, Edmund or Edward Garland, Thomas Barnes, and John Poyser, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Newcome, baker, appointed Postmaster, November 3, 1640. John Fishe, Butcher, sworn Common Sergeant in place of Richard Willson. Salomon Sebastian, Richard Storr, Thomas Stanley, John Marshall, and George Porter, Waits. Burgesses enrolled 73.

1641-42 John James, Mayor. John Sherwin and William Sumner, Sheriffs. Paul Hooton and Richard Hydes, Chamberlains. Earl of Clare appointed Recorder,[1] February 2, 1641-42. James Chadwicke, Deputy Recorder, July 14, 1642.[2] Adrian Garner, John Fillingham, and William Bayly, elected Councillors October 7, 1641, in the places of William Sumner, Paul Hooton, and George Widoson. Sheriffs' Sergeants same as before, except Robert Thompson (excluded). Burgesses enrolled, 22.

[1] On the surrender of Mr. Fletcher.

[2] Gilbert Millington was nominated Deputy by the Earl, and Chadwicke to supply his place during his (Millington's) absence.

1642-43 Richard Hardmett, Mayor. John Tomlyn and George Alseabrooke, Sheriffs. Ezechias or Ezechie Reason (died March 5, 1642-43) and Thomas Smith, Chamberlains. Thomas Stevenson elected in place of the first, March 9, 1642-43. John Ludlam and Richard Whittbye elected Councillors in the place of Ezechias or Ezechie Reason and Thomas Smith, Chamberlains, October 17, 1642. Edward Garland, Thomas Barnes, John Poiser, and William Leake, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Seywell, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 12.

1643-44 William Nixe, Mayor. Richard Hides and Paul Hooton, Sheriffs. John Fillingham and Adrian Garner, Chamberlains. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, displaced as 'unfit,' August 14, 1644. William Flamsteed or Flamstead appointed to the office same day. John Parker, Thomas Huthwaite,[1] and William Ryly, elected of the Council, November 7, 1643, in the places of John Fillingham and Adrian Garner, Chamberlains, and John Ludlam, deceased. Thomas Gamble elected Coroner same day, in place of Edward Morris, who relinquished the office. John Tomlyn elected of the Council, November 10, 1643, in place of the said Edward Morris, who also relinquished the office of Councillor. Thomas Gamble (Coroner) made Alderman, August 14, 1644, in place of Robert Burton, declared 'unfit' for the office. George Widoson, Sheriffs' Clerk. Thomas Widoson elected Mayor's Sergeant, in place of Richard Sherwin, April 10, 1644. John Poyser and Thomas Barnes, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 4.

1644-45 William Nixe, Mayor. Thomas Smyth and William Bayly, Sheriffs. John Parker and Thomas Huthwaite, Chamberlains. Colonel James Chadwick elected to 'continue' Deputy-Recorder, May 13st, 1645. Robert Greaves 'amoved and displaced' from being Clerk of the Statutes, and William Flamsteed elected in his stead, September 12, 1645.[2] William Flamsteed elected of the Council in place of William Bayly, Thomas Greene in place of John Parker, and John Reckles in place of Thomas Huffett, October 4, 1644 William Parker and William Richards, Coroners.

[1] Huthwaite was not sworn till the 14th August, 1644.

[2] The certificate of his election, or return to the writ, was sealed Sept. 21, 1645. Greaves was disfranchised Sept. 23, 1646.

Thomas Wollye and Richard Dringe made Coroners, Aug. 14, 1645, in the places of Mr. Parker (retired, at his own request), and Mr. Richards, sworn Alderman next day. Paul Hooton and William Bayly (Sheriff), elected of the Council, August 26, 1645, in the places of Alderman William Richards, and William Parker, vacated through deafness. Burgesses enrolled, 23.

1645-46 Thomas Gamble, Mayor. John Fillingham and Adrian Garner, Sheriffs. Richard Whitbye and William Rylye, Chamberlains. Richard Dringe and Thomas Malyn, Bridge-Wardens. Robert Smyth, elected of the Council in place of Richard Whitbye, and Luke Dolphyn in place of William Rylye, October 8, 1645. John James, William Gregory, William Nixe, Francis Toplady, William Drewry, and William Richards, Aldermen. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1646-47 John James, Mayor. John Parker and Thomas Huthwaite, Sheriffs. Thomas Greene and Robert Smyth, Chamberlains. Richard Dringe and Thomas Malyn, Coroners. Clement Spelman elected Deputy-Recorder to the Earl of Clare, January 6, 1647. John Fillingham elected of the Council in place of Joseph Wingfeild, Daniel Sully in place of above Thomas Greene, and Stephen Holmes in place of above Robert Smyth, October 7, 1646; Robert Saxon elected of the Council in place of Luke Dolphyn, November 18, 1646. John Fillingham, Bridge-Warden. Michael Brightman, Keeper of the Meadows, died: Henry Brightman 'admitted his deputy:' Francis Averill sworn Keeper of the Meadows in place of Michael Brightman, March 30, 1646-47. Thomas Widoson, Mayor's Sergeant, declared 'unfit for his place,' July 21, 1647.[1] Burgesses enrolled, 52.

1647-48 William Drewry, Mayor. Richard Whitbye and William Rylye, Sheriffs. John Reckles and Richard Watkinson, Chamberlains. John Drewry elected of the Council in place of the above John Reckles, October 8, 1647. Richard Whitby elected Councillor in place of Roger Derbyshire, November 19, 1647. William Bringhurst appointed Mayor's Cook, October 29, 1647. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1648-49 William Richards, Mayor. Thomas Greene and Robert Smythe, Sheriffs. Richard Hawkins and Stephen Holmes, Chamber-

[1] His name still appears, however, in the Council Books for this and succeeding years.

lains. George Alsebrooke elected of the Council October 4, 1648, in place of Paul Hooton, Adrian Cooke in place of above Richard Hawkins, and John Bayly in place of above Stephen Holmes. John Poyser, Thomas Barnes, Thomas Lawson, and Stephen Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1649-50 William Nixe, Mayor; died Wednesday, September 18, 1650. Thomas Gamble, Mayor, sworn September 20, 1650. John Reckles and Richard Watkinson, Sheriffs. Daniel Sully and Edmond Richards, Chamberlains. Joshua Hill elected of the Council in place of Daniel Sullye, October 5, 1649, John Parker in place of Humphrey Greaves, and Thomas Cooper in place of Adrian Cooke, both June 6, 1650. John Hewood, Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1650-51. Thomas Gamble, Mayor. Joshuah Hill and William Hall, Sheriffs. Robert Saxon and Barnabie Wartnaby, Chamberlains. William Ryly elected of the Council in place of John Fillingham, October 3, 1650; Robert Smith in place of Richard Dring, October 18, 1650; Brownlo Egginton in place of Robert Saxon, October 3, 1650, and John Parsons in place of Joshuah Hill, same day. Richaıd Hides, elected of the Common Council, June 10, 1651, in place of Richard Turpin, retired, and William Jackson, in place of John Bayly, deceased. John Poyser and Thomas Barnes, Sheriffs' Sergeants at the Mace. Burgesses enrolled, 19.

1651-52 Richard Dringe, Mayor. Edmund Richards and Robert Malyn, Sheriffs. Thomas Cooper and Brownlo Egginton, Chamberlains. Colonel James Chadwicke elected Deputy-Recorder to the Earl of Clare, in place of Clement Spelman (resigned), September 27, 1652. Richard Crampton, elected October 8, 1651, Councillor in place of William Jackson, who refused 'to stand' in place of John Bayly, John Smally in place of Thomas Cooper, and Roger Rylye in place of above Brownlo Egginton. Francis Cox elected Councillor, December 3, 1651, in place of John Parsons, deceased. Samuel Rorkett elected Councillor April 15, 1652, in place of John Drewry. John Poyser, Thomas Barnes, and Steven Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. John Wolly, Mayor's Sergeant. John Fish, Common Sergeant. Burgesses enrolled, 24.

1652-53 William Drury, Mayor, Robert Saxton and Barnaby Wartnaby, Blacksmith, Sheriffs. Robert Greaves, Mayor's

Clerk.[1] Samuel Rocket and Francis Cooke, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 30.

1653-54 Francis Toplady, Mayor. James Chadwicke, Deputy Recorder. Thomas Cooper and Brownloe Egginton, Butcher, Sheriffs. Roger Ryley and Richard Smith, Chamberlains. William Drewrie, Thomas Gamble, William Richards, Richard Dring, John Parker, and Thomas Huthwaite, Aldermen. Thomas Malen and Adrian Garner, Coroners. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, elected Councillor, in place of John Tomlyn, deceased, December 21, 1653. John Chadwicke, Sheriffs' Steward. Mayor's Sergeant, same as before. Sheriffs' Sergeants, same. John Morris, sworn one of the Sheriffs' Sergeants, February 22, 1653-54. Homfrey Greaves, Common Sergeant. Christopher Kirke, Keeper of the Meadows, in place of Francis Averey, deceased, August 14, 1654.[2] William Pattchett, or Padgett, Solomon Sebastiana (*sic*), Homfrey Robertts, Thomas Bayly, William Coggs, and Thomas Dollinger, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 52.

1654-55 John Parker, Mayor. Daniel Sulley and Francis Cocke, Sheriffs. Richard Crampton and John Smalley, Chamberlains. Isacke Malen and Sam[uel] Ryley elected Councillors in place of the Chamberlains, October 12, 1654. Daniel Sully appointed Town Treasurer, January 18, 1654-55. Waits, same, except Dollinger, excluded. Robert Hassard, Town Scavenger. Burgesses enrolled, 23.

1655-56 Thomas Huthwaite, Mayor. Roger Ryley and Richard Smith, Sheriffs. William Pettye and William Lealand, Chamberlains. William Bayly and John Cooper, Bridge-Wardens. Richard Hawkyns elected of the Common Council, Nov. 9, 1655, in place of Richard Wattkinson, deceased. Mr. Cooper, Captain Richards, Brian Grey, and William Archers, Field Reeves. John Poyser, Thomas Barnes, John Spencer, and Steven Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Samuel Laweson, sworn

[1] The minute-book for this year is unfortunately lost. The prior one, 1651-52, is wholly in the handwriting of Flamsteed, the then Mayor's Clerk; that for 1653-54 is throughout in the handwriting of Greaves. The latter, therefore, must have been reappointed between these two periods, but the circumstances of his resumption of the office, which would probably have been stated in the lost book, are now unknown. He was sworn on September 30, 1653, but this was probably only a re-taking of his oath of office, as it is recorded without comment.

[2] Robert Millward served after Avery's death till the appointment of Kirke.

in the place of John Poyser, February 6, 1655-56. Burgesses enrolled, 42.

1656-57 William Richards, Mayor. Richard Crampton and John Smalley, Sheriffs. William Parker and John Toplady, Chamberlains. Major John Chadwicke, Sheriffs' Clerk and Steward, and William Jackson, elected of the Common Council, October 2, 1656, in place of the two Chamberlains. John Spencer, Mayor's Sergeant, 'approved of' by the Council, September 9, 1656, and sworn October 6. 1656. Thomas Bayly, William Coggs, and Henrie Greenehill, Waits. Bayly discharged, June 8, 1657: William Knewstub appointed in his stead. Burgesses enrolled, 39.

1657-58 Thomas Gamble, Mayor. William Pettye and William Lealand, Sheriffs. William Drewrie and Isacke Malyn, Chamberlains. Joseph Wrighte, Apothecary, elected Councillor, in place of the said Isacke Malyn, October 8, 1657. 'Josua' Hill, elected Councillor in place of Robert Smith, deceased, February 4, 1657-58. John Beechie, appointed Town's Cook, August 30, 1658. John Spencer, Mayor's Sergeant. Thomas Barnes, Samuel Lawson, John Morrice, and Steven Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 33.

1658-59 Richard Dringe, Mayor.[1] William Parker and John Toplady, Sheriffs. Samuel Ryley and Adrian Cooke, Chamberlains. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, resigned, November 1, 1658: Ralph Edge elected in his stead same day. Robert Bate, elected Councillor, October 8, 1658, in place of said Samuel Ryly; Robert Malyn, elected of the Common Council, June 9, 1659, in place of John Sherwyn, deceased. Robert Chamberlaynes Harding, Deputy Recorder, in place of Colonel Chadwick. Richard Hydes and Richard Whittbye, School-Wardens. Symon Poe, 'Pinder, but not Woodward.' Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1659-60 William Drewrie, Mayor. John, Earl of Clare, Recorder. Isaac Malyn and William Drury, Junior, Sheriffs. Richard Hodgskyn and William Burton, Chamberlains. Browneloe Egginton and Robert Bate, School-Wardens. Stanley Barrell, Swineherd. Burgesses enrolled, 47.

1660-61 Francis Toplady, Mayor. Thomas Riley and Adrian Cooke, Sheriffs. William Toplady and Stephen Garner, Chamberlains.

[1] He died during his Mayoralty (May 7, 1659), and was succeeded by Mr. John Fillingham.

William Petty and Richard Turpyn, Bridge-Wardens. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1661-62 John Parker, Mayor.[1] Richard Hodgskin and William Burton,[2] Sheriffs. Thomas Lovatt and William Jackson, Chamberlains. Adrian Garner and Danyel Sulley, Coroners. Christopher Hall elected of the Common Council, October 4, 1661, in place of above Thomas Lovatt, and Thomas Drewry in place of above William Jackson; Samuel Ryley, Roberte Handford, and Roger Ryley the younger, sworn of the Common Council, August 11, 1662. Laurence Athorpe, Sheriffs' Clerk. Thomas Gelstropp, Mayor's Sergeant. Thomas Drewe made Mayor's Sergeant, December 7, 1661. Humphrey Greaves, Common Sergeant. Richard Harrison, Woodward. Samuel Lawson, John Miller, Stephen Garner, and Richard Jackson, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Knewstubbs, William Patchett, and William Coggs, Waits. Solloman Sebastian 'retained' as a Wait, April 7, 1662. Christopher Kirke, Meadow-Keeper. Simon Poe, Pinder. Burgesses enrolled, 39.

1662-63 John Toplady, Mayor. William Toplady and John Greaves, Sheriffs. Robert Bate and William Ashers, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 28.

1663-64 William Greaves, Mayor. Christopher Hall and Gervas Rippon, Sheriffs. William Sheppard and John Parker, Chamberlains. William Bealey and George Alseebrooke, Coroners. John Greaves, Coroner in place of first ('voluntarily resigned'), September 26, 1664. Francis Toplady, William Greaves, Ralph Edge, William Jackson, Richard Hodgkyn, and Joseph Wright, Aldermen. John Parker, elected Alderman Jan. 18, 1663-64. Christopher Hall and Gervas Rippon elected of the Clothing Council, and Robert Miller of the Common Council, October 6, 1663. John Rawson elected in place of latter, and Thomas Truman in place of John Clay, deceased, October 28, 1663. Robert Bate elected Councillor in place of John Minshawe, deceased, May 18, 1664. John Oldham, Sheriffs' Steward and Clerk. John Shawe, Mayor's Sergeant, June 17, 1664, in place of Samuel Wildey. Humfrey Greaves, Common Sergeant. Samuel Lawson, John Miller,

[1] He was afterwards superseded by Francis Toplady.

[2] Afterwards superseded by Edward Greaves.

and Stephen Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Christopher Kirke, Meadow-Keeper. Richard Harrison, Woodward, and Richard Brinsley, Field-Reeve. William Coggs, Soloman Sabastion, Thomas Hodson, William Burgesse, and Thomas Gurrell, Waits. Richard Brinsley, Common Pinder. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1664-65 Ralph Edge, Mayor and Mayor's Clerk. Robert Bate and William Ashers, Sheriffs. Thomas Walker and Thomas Trueman, Chamberlains. John Greaves, Coroner. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1665-66 William Jackson, Mayor. William Sheppard and John Parker, Sheriffs. Robert Kirkby and John Rawson, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 41.

1666-67. Richard Hodgkin, Mayor. Thomas Walker and Roger Ryley, Sheriffs. Joseph Clay and Edward White, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1667-68 Joseph Wright, Mayor. Robert Kyrkby and John Rawson, Sheriffs. Gervase Wilde and Samuel Richards, Chamberlains. Aldermen same as in 1663-64, with the exception of Francis Toplady, and the addition of Christopher Hall. George Alseabrooke and John Greaves, Coroners. Francis Armstronge elected of the Common Council in place of the above Gervase Wilde, and Richard Smyth in place of the above Samuel Richards, October 8, 1667. Arthur Riccards, Sheriffs' Steward and Clerk. Humphrey Greaves, Common Sergeant, as before. John Miller, John Baggott, Richard Jackson, and Stephen Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Francis Basse, Meadow-Keeper. John Ludlam, Field Reeve. William Coggs, Thomas Hodson, Thomas Gurrell, William Burgesse, Henry Hodson, and John Wingfeild, Waits. Samuel Platts, Beadle of the Beggars. Burgesses enrolled, 29.

1668-69 John Parker, Mayor. Joseph Clay and Edward White, Sheriffs. Benjamin Riccards and Francis Armestronge, Chamberlains. Henry, Marquis of Dorchester, Recorder. William Wilde, elected of the Common Council in place of Benjamyn Riccards, Samuel Smyth (son of Richard Smyth), elected in place of Francis Armestronge, October 6, 1668. Joseph Clay, Sheriff, elected of the Clothing Council in place of William Sheppard, deceased, January 6, 1668-69. Roberte Kirkeby elected of the Clothing Council in place of Robert Bate, January 20, 1668-69. Roger Ryley (late Sheriff) elected of the Clothing

Council in place of William Lealand, deceased, September 20, 1669. John Baggott and George Moore, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Waits same, except Henry Hodson, excluded. Burgesses enrolled, 5.

1669-70 Christopher Hall, Mayor. Gervase Wyld and Samuel Richards, Sheriffs. Arthur Riccards and Henry Twells, Chamberlains. Richard Hodgskyn, Alderman. Roherte Coulston and Ralph Bennett elected of the Common Council in places of above Arthur Riccards and Henry Twells, October 7, 1669. Richard Harrison, Common Woodward. —— Blackston, Mayor's Cook.

1670-71 William Greaves, Mayor. Benjamin Riccards and Ralph Bennett, Sheriffs. Richard Smyth the younger, and Robert Coulston, Chamberlains. John Parker, junior, and Francis Samon, elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, and Hugh Walker in place of Ralph Bennett; Benjamin Riccards, Sheriff, elected of the Clothing Council in place of Samuel Ryley, deceased, October 3, 1670. John Baggott, George Moore, James Childe, and Richard Jackson, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Thomas Gurrell, William Burges, William Coggs, Josiah or Josias Saundby, and James Moore, Waits.

1671-72 Ralph Edge, Mayor and Mayor's or Town Clerk. Arthur Riccards and William White, Sheriffs. William Wylde and John Parker, Chamberlains. Adryan Gamble, Thomas Muxlowe, and John Cliffe elected of the Common Council, October 3, 1671. William Coggs, John Wingfeild, James Moore, William Burgesse, and Josias Sandby, Waits.

1672-73 William Jackson, Mayor. Richard Smith and Robert Coulstone, Sheriffs. Samuell Smyth and Francis Salmon, Chamberlains. Edward Gregory and Roberte Wortley elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 1, 1672. John Ludlam, Woodward and Common Pinder.

1673-74 Richard Hodgkyn, Mayor. William Wilde and John Parker, Junior, Sheriffs. Hugh Walker and Adryan Gamble, Chamberlains. John Dale made School-Warden (with William Hardey) in place of Richard Smith, November 8, 1673. John Dale elected of the Common Council in place of above Hugh Walker, and William Caulton in place of above Adryan Gamble, October 6, 1673: Harrold Smyth, in place of John Dale, deceased, July 29, 1674. John Baggott, George Moore,

Richard Jackson, and Samuel Platts, Sergeants-at-Mace to Sheriffs. William Swayne, Woodward. John Ludlam and Francis Basse, Wood and Meadow-Keepers.

1674-75 Joseph Wright, Mayor. Died during his Mayoralty, and John Parker elected 'Deputy,' February 11, 1674-75. Samuel Smyth and Francis Salmon, Sheriffs. Thomas Muxlowe and Robert Wortley, Chamberlains. William Hardy and Robert Howett elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 9, 1674, and Richard Smyth in place of Benjamyn Riccards, deceased, September 1, 1675. Harrold Smyth and William Thorpe elected Bridge-Wardens, and William Hardy and William Woollhouse, School-Wardens, November 6, 1674.

1675-76 John Parker, Mayor. Hugh Walker and Adrian Gamble, Sheriffs. John Cliffe and William Caulton, Chamberlains. Cliffe died 1676, and Harrold Smyth elected in his place, May 22, 1676. William Pettie elected of the Clothing Council in place of Benjamin Riccards, October 5, 1675, and Richard Smyth in place of Robert Malin, November 8, 1675. Francis Sumner elected of the Common Council in place of Edward Gregory, resigned, January 10, 1675-76, and Samuell Lealand in place of above Harrold Smyth, May 24, 1676. William Woolhouse and Samuel Lealand, School-Wardens. Francis Samon and Robert Howett, Bridge-Wardens. Isaacke Dodsley, Wait, in place of William Coggs. Henry Heely elected Sergeant at the Mace in place of John Shaw, deceased, and Richard Lambert, Common Sergeant, in place of Humphry Greaves, resigned, May 8, 1676.

1676-77 Christopher Hall, Mayor. Thomas Muxlow and Robert Wortley, Sheriffs. William Hardy and Robert Howett, Chamberlains. Robert Peach and Robert Greene elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 6, 1676, and John Malyn in place of William Reason, deceased, May 16, 1677. Vincent Beverley, Mayor and Sheriffs' Steward, and Sheriffs' Clerk. Christopher Reynolds, Mayor's Sergeant at the Mace. Richard Lambert, Mayor's Common Sergeant. George Moore and George Bewchampe, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Samuell Platts and William Baker, Bill-bearers. Francis Basse, Common Meadow-Keeper. John Ludlam, Common Field-Keeper. John White, Woodward. Thomas Hill, sworn Wait, Dec. 5, 1676. Burgesses enrolled, 1675, 1676, and 1677, 58.

1677-78 William Greaves, Mayor. William Coulton and Harrold Smyth, Sheriffs. William Woolhouse and Francis Sumner, Chamberlains. Edward Hicklinge and William Michaell elected of the Common Council, October 4, 1677; and Harrold Smyth elected of the Clothing Council in place of Francis Cocke, deceased, June 7, 1678. George Moore and Richard Browne, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Josia Sandby, William Burges, James Moore, Isaac Dodsley, and Thomas Hill, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 39.

1678-79 Ralph Edge, Mayor and Mayor's Clerk. William Hardy and Robert Hewett, Sheriffs. Samuel Lealand and Robert Peach, Chamberlains.

1679-80 John Parker, Junior, Mayor. William Woolhouse and Francis Sumner, Sheriffs. Robert Greene and John Malyn, Chamberlains. Thomas Trigg and John Whittby elected of the Common Council, October 1, 1679. Hugh Walker elected of the Clothing Council in place of Robert White, deceased, December 30, 1679. George Moore and Robert Sumner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Woodward, same. Meadow and Field-Keepers, same. Burgesses enrolled, 29.

1680-81 Gervas Rippon, Mayor. Sergeant Bigland elected Recorder on the death of the Marquis of Dorchester, December 14, 1680. John Sherwin and Samuell Lealand, Sheriffs. John Hoe and Edward Hicklinge, or Hicklyn, Chamberlains. William Toplady, Alderman. William Jackson and William Smyth elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 5, 1680. George Allsebrooke resigned his office of Coroner, but retained his place in the Clothing Council, August 14, 1681. Josias Sandby and Isaac Dodsley, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 25.

1681-82 Gervas Wilde, Mayor. Robert Greene and John Malyn, Sheriffs. John Peake and Samuell Smyth, Chamberlains. John Greaves and Samuel Richards, Coroners. William Petty, Alderman. Thomas Lee and John Unwyn elected of the Common Council, October 6, 1681. Roger Ryley resigned his place in the Clothing Council, July 13, 1682. Robert Greene (Sheriff) and Samuell Smyth elected of the Clothing Council in places of George Alsabrooke, late Coroner, and 'Harrald' Smyth, July 14, 1682. John Rayner, Robert Sumner, Samuel Platts, and William Baker, Sheriffs' Sergeants at Mace, and Bill-bearers. John Walker, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 19.

1682-83 William Topladie, Mayor. Henry, Duke of Newcastle, Recorder. Robert Peach and John Whitbye, Sheriffs. Thomas Lee and John Shipman, Chamberlains. Robert Wortley and William Woollhouse, Coroners. Thomas Partridge and John Scattergood, elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, December 7, 1682. Burgesses enrolled, 42.

1683-84 Christopher Hall, Mayor. John Peake and John Huthwayte, Sheriffs. William Jackson and Richard Wright, Chamberlain. John Unwyn elected in place of the latter, deceased, July 3, 1684. Roberte Wortley elected Alderman in place of Ralph Edge, deceased, September 11, 1684. John Peake (Sheriff) elected of the Clothing Council in place of Vincent Beverley, deceased, Thomas Bunney and Thomas Smyth elected two of the six 'Commoners,' in place of the Chamberlains, October 2, 1683; John Tuffyn elected one of the same in place of the above John Unwyn, July 18, 1684. John Huthwaite elected of the same in place of William Unwyn, September 12, 1684. William Unwyn elected Coroner in place of Robert Wortley, same date. Charles Chadwicke, Sheriffs' Steward and Clerk. Robert Sumner, Evington Byrch, Samuel Platts, and William Baker, Sheriffs' Sergeants at Mace and Bill-bearers. Christopher Reynolds, Mayor's Sergeant at Mace. Richard Lambert, Common Sergeant. John White, Woodward. Josias Sandby, Isaac Dodsley, Anthony Hurst, James Moore, and Edward Sandby, Waits, Burgesses enrolled, 39.

1684-85 William Petty, Mayor. Henry, Duke of Newcastle, re-elected Recorder, March 14, 1684-85. Thomas Lee and John Shipman, Sheriffs. Thomas Partridge and Henry Hardy, Chamberlains. Charles Bawdes, Mayor's Clerk. William Woolhouse and William Unwyn, Coroners. John Astey made School-Warden in place of John Tuffyn, May 29, 1685. Josiah Sandby, Isaac Dodsley, Anthony Hunte, and 'Iccabod' Frankes, Waits. John Walker, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 54 made, 33 restored.

1685-86 Robert Wortley, Mayor. William Jackson and John Unwyn, Sheriffs. John Scattergood and Thomas Bunney, Chamberlains. Thomas Lee elected of the Clothing Council in place of Roberte Coulston, Richard Wright and William Drury of the 'Commoners,' in place of the Chamberlains, October 5, 1685. John Shipman, of the Clothing Council, in place of

John Whitbey, deceased, November 17, 1685; William Jackson, Senior Sheriff, elected of the Clothing in place of Thomas Lee, deceased, February 26, 1685-86. John Raynor, Sheriffs' Sergeant in place of Robert Sumner: rest same.

1686-87 John Parker, Mayor. Henry Hardy and Thomas Partridge, Sheriffs. Thomas Smith and John Tuffyn, Chamberlains. John Green elected Chamberlain on the death of the latter, December 29, 1686. John Shepheard elected Chamberlain on the death of John Green, March 10, 1686-87. Thomas Bowre and Christopher Stocke elected two of the six Common Council in place of the above Thomas Smith and John Tuffyn, October 7, 1686. Robert Allicock elected one of the Common Council in place of above John Green, December 30, 1686, John Bennet in place of above John Shepherd, March 11, 1686-87. John Raynor, Evington Birch, and William Baker, Sheriffs' Sergeants at the Mace and Bill-bearers. Burgesses enrolled, 57.

1687-88 Gervas Rippon, Mayor: displaced by mandate, and John Sherwin appointed in his stead, January 24. John Scattergood and Richard Wright, Sheriffs: displaced by mandate, and Joseph Boote and John Huthwaite appointed in their stead. Thomas Bower and Robert Allicocke, Chamberlains: displaced by mandate, and Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson appointed in their stead. George Langford and Thomas Smith, Aldermen. John Hydes and John Unwyn, Coroners. Robert Marshall, Richard Knight, Thomas Collins, John Nevill, William Burrowes, Joseph James, and Thomas Poole, elected of the Upper Council, in accordance with mandamus. William Cockle, Caleb Wilkinson and William Orme elected of the Common Council, in accordance with mandamus. Gervas Wyld, William Toplady, William Petty, and Robert Wortley, Aldermen, displaced; Jacob Villiers, William Jackson, Hugh Walker, John Peake, and Francis Sulley, Upper Council men, displaced; Christopher Stockes, Robert Abbott, and William Johnson, Common Council men, displaced; John Hawkins, Charles Harvey, and Joseph Turpin, elected Aldermen; Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Metcalf, John Crisp, John Borrodale, John Welsh, and Samuel Smith elected of the Council of 18. William Banes, William Belfin, and John Francis, of the Council of 6, February 21, 1687-88. William Union,[1]

[1] 'Union' = Unwyn.

William Woollas, and John Huthwaite, of the Council of 18. Charles Chadwick, Town Steward, and one of the same Council, displaced by mandamus; Joseph Boote, William Moore, Samuel Roades, and Roger Hawkesly elected of the Council of 18; Thomas Collins, Alderman, in place of Thomas Trigg, refusing to be sworn, March 8, 1687-88. John Huthwait elected of the Upper Council in place of Alderman Collins, March 19, 1687-88. John Hydes, Coroner, elected Alderman, in place of John Sherwin, Mayor, deceased, May 2, 1688 John Barradale elected Coroner in place of John Hydes, May 8, 1688. Joseph Sylls elected of the Head Council in place of John Hydes, Alderman, same day. Robert Allicocke and John Astye, School-Wardens. John Bennett elected in place of first, November 17, 1687. Robert Abbott, John Astye, and Francis Armstrong elected of the Common Council, in place of above Richard Wright, Thomas Bower, and Robert Allicocke; Astye and Armstrong refused to serve, and were fined; William Johnson and John Jalland elected in their places, October 7, 1687. Burgesses enrolled, 89.

1688-89 George Langford, Mayor. Thomas Boote and Samuel Smith, Sheriffs. Thomas Cooke elected Sheriff in place of Thomas Boote, deceased, November 16, 1688. Hugh Walker and Joseph James, Bridge-Wardens. John Asty and James Huthwaite, School-Wardens. Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson named Chamberlains in the King's Charter; both refused to act; William Cockle and Caleb Wilkinson elected in their place, November 9, 1688. James Huthwaite, William Noone, and Benjamin Green elected of the Under Council in place of the Chamberlains, and John France, deceased, November 9, 1688. Thomas Cooke elected of the Head Council in place of Joseph Boot, deceased, Nov. 16, 1688. William Moor elected Coroner in place of John Borrodale, left the town, July 5, and also 'removed' from the Council, July 10, 1689. Nicholas Miller, William Stirrupp, Thomas Hardemeat, John Ross, John White, John Wingfeild, and Joseph Briggs, elected of the Head Council, and Francis Armstrong, of the Council of 6, in place of some who failed to qualify themselves; and John Crisp, Alderman, in place of Thomas Smith, left, August 14, 1689. William Greaves elected of the Head Council in place of John Borradell.

Robert Atkinson and Richard Lambert, Mayor's Sergeants at Mace. Evington Burch and John Rayner, Sheriffs' Sergeants at Mace, and Bill-bearers. Josias Sandby, Senior, Isaac Dodsley, Joseph Dodsley, and Josias Sandby, Junior, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 31.

1689-90 Charles Harvey, Mayor. Samuel Watkinson and William Cockle, Sheriffs. Both elected of the Head Council, October 25, 1689.[1] William Orme and William Baynes, Chamberlains. Lawrence Athorpe appointed Deputy Town-Clerk, March 11, 1689-90. John Huthwaite and John Wingfeild, School-Wardens. Joseph James and John White, Bridge-Wardens. Isaack Dance and John Kitching elected of the Under-Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 10, 1689. George Langford, John Hawkins, Joseph Turpin, Thomas Collin, John Hydes, and John Crispe, Aldermen. William More and Joseph James, Coroners. Richard Knight, Sheriffs' Steward. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1690-91 John Hawkins, Mayor. William Orme and William Baines, Sheriffs. James Huthwaite and Benjamin Green, Chamberlains. Bridge-Wardens same as before. John Wingfeild and Joseph Briggs, School-Wardens. Richard Knight, Sheriffs' Steward. Samuel Harres and Thomas James elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains. Francis Basse, Meadow-Keeper. John Ludlam, Woodward and Field-Keeper. Joseph Sansby, Matthew Ratcliffe, Senior, Isaac Dodsley, Joseph Dodsley, Matthew Ratcliffe, Junior, and William Ratcliffe, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 17.

1691-92 Joseph Turpin, Mayor. James Huthwaite and Benjamin Green, Sheriffs. William Noon and Francis Armstrong, Chamberlains. Robert Linley and George Frith, elected of the Common Council, October 6, 1691. Richard Knight, Sheriffs' Clerk. Christopher Wilson, Mayor's Sergeant at Mace. Richard Lambert, Common Sergeant. John Reynor and Isaac Platts, Sheriffs' Sergeants. John Walker, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1692-93 William Greaves, Mayor. The Right Hon. the Earl of Devon chosen Recorder, December 29, 1692. Lawrence Athorpe elected Mayor's and Town Clerk, December 6, 1692, and

[1] On May 26 and June 16, 1690, by mandamuses, Gervase Rippon was 'restored' to be Mayor, John Scattergood to be one of the Sheriffs, and William Toplady, William Petty, and Robert Wortley, to be Aldermen.



sworn Burgess, March 30, 1693. John Hoe and Edward Hickling, Sheriffs. John Kitchin and William Barke, Chamberlains. Robert Harrison and William Drury the younger, School-Wardens. Francis Salmon and William Greaves, the younger, Bridge-Wardens. Thomas Trigg, Arthur Rickards, Samuell Smith, John Hoe, Samuell Lealand, Joseph Briggs, John Hawkin, Thomas Collin, John Petty, Richard Goodale, William Drury the elder, and William Sterrop, elected of the Head Council, November 4, 1692. Thomas Trigge and Ralph Bennet, sworn Aldermen and Justices of the Peace, November 20, 1692. Francis Salmon elected Alderman, March 30, 1693. Arthur Rickards and Francis Salmon, Coroners. Arthur Riccards and John Hoe elected Aldermen, December 10, 1692. John Kitchin, John Greaves, Roger Radford, Robert Linley, and Robert Harrison elected of the Common Council, November 7, 1692. William Bilby, William Greaves, and John Wingfeild, elected Councillors, December 1, 1692. John Bush, John Rosse, Roger Hakesley and Thomas Hardmett, elected of the Head Council, and Thomas Rotheram and Thomas James elected of the Common Council, December 14, 1692. John Greaves elected of the Head Council to make up 18, December 19, 1692. Burgesses enrolled, 43.

1693-94 Thomas Trigge, Mayor. Samuell Smyth and Francis Armestrong, Sheriffs. Roger Radford and Robert Lindeley, Chamberlains. Samuel Smyth and Samuel Lealand, Coroners. William Drury elected Alderman and Justice of the Peace in place of John Parker, deceased, July 3, 1694. Richard Lealand elected of the Common Council, October 6, 1693. Francis Armestronge, Sheriff, elected of the Head Council in place of above William Drury, August 2, 1694. Mathew Ratcliffe, Senior, Isaacke Dodsley, William Ratcliffe, Joseph Dodsley, and Mathew Ratcliffe, Junior, Waits. John Ludlam, Wood and Field Keeper. John Raynor and Isaac Calton, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Hallam, Neatherd and Pinder. Burgesses enrolled, 29.

1694-95 Arthur Riccards, Mayor. John Kitchen and William Barke, Sheriffs. Robert Harryson and John Greaves, Chamberlains. William, Duke of Devonshire, Recorder. William Bilbey and Benjamin Greene, School-Wardens. Joseph Briggs and Samuel Lealand, Bridge-Wardens. Samuell Lealand elected

Alderman in place of Ralph Bennett, deceased, October 22, 1694. Thomas Rotheram removed from the Junior Council. William Greaves, the younger, elected Coroner, in place of Samuell Lealand, Alderman, October 22, 1694. John Peake elected of the Senior Council, in place of the same, October 24, 1694. John Smyth and Francis Metham elected of the Junior Council same day, in place of Thomas Rotheram (removed), and Robert Harryson (Chamberlain). John Onwyne, Councillor, resigned, September 3, 1695. Burgesses enrolled, 49.

1695-96 John Hoe, Mayor. Roger Radforth and Robert Lindley, Sheriffs. Joseph Briggs elected in place of the latter, deceased, July 6, 1696. Thomas James and Robert Allicocke, Chamberlains. John Wingfield and William Barke, Bridge-Wardens. John Kitchin and George Frith (Ironmonger), School-Wardens. George Frith and Joseph Cooke elected of the Common Council, December 3, 1695. Samuell Smith, Coroner, removed from the Head Council, January 13, 1695-96. Robert Wortley retired from the Common Council, March 19, 1695-96. Samuell Watkinson and Roger Radford elected of the Head Council, in place of John Bush, deceased, and Robert Wortley, resigned, March 26, 1696-97. William Bilby elected of the Lower Common Council, in place of John Smyth, deceased, August 13, 1696. Harvey Bagott, Common Sergeant. John Raynor, Isaac Calton, and Richard Turpin, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Isaac Dance, William Noone, Richard Marshall, and John Smith, Field-Reeves. Richard Hill, Woodward. Burgesses enrolled, 55.

1696-97 Francis Salmon, Mayor. Robert Harryson and John Greaves, Sheriffs. Thomas Lovett and Richard Lealand, Chamberlains. Samuell Watkinson, Coroner, elected Alderman. William Greaves elected Alderman, June 25, 1697, in place of John Hoe, deceased, September 23, 1697. Thomas Collin elected Alderman, in place of William Drury, deceased, September 23, 1697. John Kitchin elected of the Head Council, July 8, 1697. Joseph Goodall and Richard Berne elected of the Common Council, in place of the Chamberlains, October 9, 1696. William Barke elected of the Senior Council in place of John Rosse, deceased, March 12, 1696-97. Samuel Smith and William Greaves, Coroners; afterwards Samuell Watkinson in place of the last, and John Peake in

place of Watkinson. George Frith, William Bilby, Junior, Isaake Bristowe, and Thomas Burley, Field-Reeves. Burgesses enrolled, 24.

1697-98 Samuel Lealand, Mayor. Thomas James and Robert Allicocke, Sheriffs. Abraham Metcalfe elected in place of Robert Allicocke, deceased, January 3, 1697-98, and William Stirropp, in place of Abraham Metcalfe, deceased, June 3, 1698. Francis Metham and George Firth, or Frith, Chamberlains. Samuel Smith and John Peake, Coroners (the latter succeeding to Samuel Watkinson). James Huthwait elected of the Head Council in place of Samuell Watkinson, Alderman. Alexander Burden and John Reynolds elected of the Junior or Common Council, in place of the Chamberlains, October 5, 1697. George Wallis, Town's Husband. William Barrow, Mayor's Sergeant. Burgesses enrolled, 35.

1698-99 William Greaves, Mayor. Thomas Lovett and John Riccards, Sheriffs. William Noone elected Sheriff, in place of Thomas Lovett, deceased, January 24, 1698-99. Joseph Cooke and William Bilby, the younger, Chamberlains. George Frith and Robert Egginton elected of the Junior Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 4, 1698. Burgesses enrolled, 59.

1699-1700 Thomas Collin, Mayor. Francis Metham and George Frith, Sheriffs. Joseph Goodall and Richard Berne, Chamberlains. Alexander Burden made Chamberlain in place of the former, June 2, 1700. John Collins and John Richards elected of the Junior Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 3, 1699. John Rickards elected of the Senior Council in place of Edward Hickling, deceased, October 12, 1699, and made Alderman in place of Alderman Greaves, deceased, November 1, 1699. Benjamin Greene elected of the Senior or Head Council in place of the said John Rickards, November 3, 1699. William Greaves elected of the Junior Council, in place of Alexander Burden, Chamberlain, September 26, 1700. George Frith, Junior, and William Noon, School-Wardens. Benjamin Green and William Stirrop, Bridge-Wardens. Charles Chadwicke, Mayor and Sheriffs' Steward, in place of Richard Knight, deceased. William Barke, William Bilby, the elder, Joseph Goodall, and John Reynolds, Field-Reeves. Burgesses enrolled, 104.

1700-1 Samuel Watkinson, Mayor. Joseph Cooke and William Bilby,

the younger, Sheriffs. John Reynolds and George Firth, the younger, Chamberlains. John Peake (Coroner with Samuell Smith), elected Alderman, in place of Arthur Rickards, deceased, and Benjamin Green, Coroner, in place of John Peake, January 13, 1700-1. Theodore Fosbrook and William Johnson elected of the Junior Council, in place of the Chamberlains, October 2, 1700. William Noon elected of the Head Council, in place of John Peake, January 14, 1700-1. Burgesses enrolled, 111.

1701-2 John Rickards, Mayor. Richard Bearn and Alexander Burden, Sheriffs. Robert Egginton and John Collin, Chamberlains. Samuel Smith and Benjamin Green, Coroners. John Richards and William Bilbey, Junior, School-Wardens. George Firth, the elder, and James Huthwaite, Bridge-Wardens. Thomas Hawkesley and William Drewry elected of the Junior Council, October 6, 1701. Thomas Trigge, Francis Salmon, Samuel Lealand, Thomas Collin, Samuel Watkinson, and John Peake, Aldermen. William Mabbatt, William Woolhouse, Joseph Briggs, Richard Goodall, William Sterrop, William Bilbey, John Wingfield, Roger Hawkesley, Thomas Hardmeat, John Greaves, Francis Armstrong, Roger Radfarth, William Barke, John Kitchen, James Huthwait, and William Noon, Senior Council. John Richards, William Greaves, Theodore Fosbrook, William Johnson, Thomas Hawkesley, and William Drury, Junior Council. Burgesses enrolled, 116.

LIST OF NAMES OF STREETS, FIELDS, ETC.

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GLOSSARY OF ENGLISH AND LATIN.

NOTE.—Following the example of the previous volumes, the line references as well as the page references are given in this Glossary.

ADDLE, 125, 5. To merit, or deserve. *Cath. Ang.*, 'adylle.'

AGISTMENT, 206, 19; 307, 3. Taking of cattle to pasture in the King's forest, etc., at a fixed rate.

ASSARTUM, 34, 6, 21. Assart; land brought into cultivation.

AVERIA, 40, 17, 28. Horses or oxen for the plough; cattle generally.

AVISE, 319, 28. To consult.

BORDARII, 16, 31; 18, 6. Boors, husbandmen, cottagers.

BURGAGIUM, 40, 17, 29. A burgage; the service whereby a borough is held. A burgage-tenure is a tenure whereby houses and lands which were formerly the site of houses, in an ancient borough, are held of some lord by a certain rent. 'This tenure,' adds Wharton, 'is obviously a fragment of Saxon freedom.'

CARUCATA TERRAE, 16, 17, 28, 31; 18, 21, 22. Carve of land; a plough-land of 100 acres; as much land as may be tilled in a year and a day by one plough and beasts sufficient. The quantity varies in different counties from 60 to 120 acres. [Carve = Saxon hide.]

CARVE. *See* Carucata, above.

CHAPMAN, 393, 30. Bidder. 'One that offers as a purchaser.' (Johnson.)

CIVELL, 282, 7. Civil, sober, not showy. [Cf. Milton's 'civil-suited morn.']

COMMON WORK. (See General Index; for full explanation of the nature of the work, see Glossary to vol. iv.)

COMMUNA PASTURAE, 40, 16, 27. Common of pasture, or the right of feeding one's beasts in another's land: a privilege belonging to the owners or occupiers of arable land holden of a manor, to put upon its wastes their commonable beasts, viz., horses, kine, or sheep, being such as either plough or manure the soil, or because of vicinage or neighbourhood (*ratione vicinagii*), which takes place where the tenants of two adjoining manors have suffered their cattle to range indiscriminately over both wastes, and it seems that either lord may put an end to it by erecting a fence (Wharton, *Law Lexicon*).

COMMUNICABILIS, 40, 16, 17, 22, 28, 35. Commonable, or what is held in common; applied to beasts, places, seasons, etc.

CONDUCTED, 312, 10. Hired, or employed for wages.

CONSTATT, CONSTATE, 283, 27, 31. A certificate. For *constat* (Latin),

it appears; leading words of the certificate.

CROWNERS, 129, 29. Coroners.

DEODAND, 248, 1. A thing given or forfeited to God for pacifying His wrath; from *Deo dandum*, Latin, 'to be given to God.' As if a horse, etc., should kick his keeper, etc., and kill him, the horse was to be given to God, *i.e.*, forfeited to the King, by law, as executor, to see the price of such horse distributed to the poor.

DISHONEST, 177, 6. Unchaste, immoral.

DRAWGHTS, DRAUGHTS, DROUGHTS, 111, 26; 130, 25; 158, 18, 26; 197, 1; 206, 10; 248, 4; 251, 13. Draught horses or teams, drays, loads, etc. [From AS. *dragen*, to draw, drag.]

DRIVINGE (the meadows), 120, 24. Driving cattle into an enclosure to find out the ownership, and whether entitled or not to common of pasture. See Glossary to vol. iii.

ENURE, 173, 27. To become customary.

EYVING'S-DROPPER, 139, 31. Eavesdropper.

FATTES, 185, 27. Vats.

FEAZANT, 286, 4. For *faisant* (Fr.) doing, committing, etc.

GARGELL, 107, 19, 21. An affection of the udder in cows.

GOODMAN, 354, 13. Gaffer; a slight appellation of civility, generally ironical. [Lowland Scotch, *gude man.*]

GROUNDSILLS, GROWNDSILLS, 114, 19; 115, 18. Foundations; timber laid horizontally near the ground to secure the uprights, etc. See vol. ii., p. 372, note 5.

GUILDABLE, 170, 25; 181, 20. Liable to pay toll. [AS. *gild*, a payment, etc.]

HUDD, 115, 1. Sometimes chimney-top so contrived as to secure a constant draught by turning with the wind, and sometimes a projecting cover above the hearth, forming the upper part of the fireplace.

INFANGENETHEOF, 14, 2, 28; 15, 1, 30. Literally, the seizure of a thief within a demesne. It used to mean the right of trying thieves seized within a district, and of receiving the profits of such jurisdiction. See vol. i., p. 447.

KIDD, 180, 4; 394, 26, 29; 395, 1, 3. A bundle of heath and furze, sometimes of wood, etc.

KITT, 179, 25. A tub.

LEVANS ET CUBANS, 40, 18, 30. [Fr. *levans et couchant*,] getting or rising up, and lying down; a phrase used when the beasts or cattle of a stranger have come on the land of another man, and have remained there, 'lying down' to repose, and 'rising' to feed; a considerable space of time, by some supposed to be a day and a night.

LEY, 260, 2. A skein.

MANSIO, 16, 25; 18, 3. A mansion, or dwelling-house, perhaps a manor. In Wright's Glossary, the second

definition (a dwelling-house) is the only one given, but '*mansio*,' which is of frequent occurrence in the *De Imitatione Christi*, is generally, if not always, rendered by the English translators of the work 'mansion.' See remarks in Introduction.

MASTY, 187, 24. Mastiff.

MEARES, 295, 28. Limits, boundaries.

MEARSTONE, MEARSTON, 10, 5; 11, 5; 296, 23. Boundary stone. [AS. *ge-mære*, a boundary.] See vol. iv., p. 189.

MENOR, 136, 22; 159, 11. Manure.

MIDLING, 260, 5. The coarser part.

MONETARIUS, 16, 17. A moneyer, or banker.

MULL, 159, 10. Dust, dirt, rubbish.

MULLOCK, 158, 2. Dust or rubbish heap.

MYDINGE, MIDINGE, 185, 21; 280, 29. Dunghill.

PAINTICE, 261, 3. Penthouse.

PEDIS PULVERIZATI CURIA, 30, 4, 17, 26-7. Court of Piepowder. Literally, the Court of dusty foot; corrupted from the French *pied poudreux*. The Court was held in fairs to do justice to buyers and sellers, and for redress of all disorders committed in them. So called, because, as fairs were most usually in summer, the suitors were commonly country people with dusty feet. In Ben Jonson's comedy, *Bartholomew Fair*, the toy seller, Leatherhead, says to the gingerbread woman, Joan Trash, 'Is this well, goody Joan, to interrupt my market in the midst, and call away my customers? Can you answer this at the pie-powdres?' Act iii., sc. 1. The Court is also mentioned once in Act ii., and again in Act iv. of the same play.

PERCEAVE, 267, 1. To take. Latin, *percipio*.

PICCAGIUM, PIKAGIUM, 30, 20, 26. A duty charged in fairs and markets for licence to break the ground, and pitch stalls. See Glossary to vol. i.

POYNTS, 120, 21; 121, 1. Strings with tags.

PRAESENTAMENTA, 10, 24, 26, 27. A barbarism for *praesentatio*, a presentment.

PRESIDENT, 239, 9. A precedent.

PRETENDS, 141, 14 Alleges.

PURPRESTURA, 34, 6, 22. Purpresture, encroachment.

QUARANTENA, 16, 15. A quarantine, or furlong of 40 perches.

QUICKE, QUICK, 177, 25; 331, 13. Living, live.

RAMELL, RAMMELL, 111, 12; 158, 3; 194, 19; 199, 17, 20; 353, 1. Rubbish.

REALITY, 226, 25. Loyalty.

REGARDUM (FORESTAE), 34, 6, 22. Regard (of a forest), *i.e.*, that by the inspector of a forest, and the extent of his charge.

REGRATE, 292, 6. To forestal, engross. [Fr. *regratter*.]

REGRETTING, 343, 6. Forestalling.

RESENTMENTS, 370, 18. Sentiments.

ROWELL, 106, 20; 111, 18; 122, 20; 136, 25; 146, 20; 152, 30; 188, 16, 18; 199, 10; 404, 34. Drain, or sewer.

SACA ET SOCA, 16, 26, 27; 17, 28, 29-30; 18, 14-15; 19, 15. Sac

and soc. 'Sac' is the privilege enjoyed by a lord of a manor, of holding courts, trying causes, and imposing fines (Cowel). 'Soc' is a jurisdiction, or a power or privilege to administer justice and execute laws; a seignory, or lordship.

SCUTT, 341, 8, 13, 18. Embankment.

SELION, 415, 24. Ridge of land.

SHOUELL-ABORD, 352, 10, 11. Shovelboard, a long board on which persons play by sliding metal pieces at a mark.

SHOW, 335, 8. Issue, or sewer.

SILVA MINUTA, 16, 15. *Silva cædua, bois taillis = wood fit for cutting.* Copse, or coppice.

SITHENCE, 177, 12, 13. Since, ago. 'Originally,' says Professor Henry Morley, in a note to Florio's *Montaigne*, 'two English First words, *sith tham*, after that. These, run into one, became afterwards, *sithen*. The use of a genitive ending as adverbial sign caused this next to become *sithenes*. Habits of spelling changed the final *es* into *ce* (as "ones" into "once"). The tendency to drop the sound of *th* in the middle of a word of two short syllables changed finally sithence into since.'

SKELLY, or SKERRY, 374, 14. The word in its first form is seldom used, but in its second, it is still common enough in Nottingham. Skerry is a layer of grey substance, generally hard, and composed of very fine sand or grit; but sometimes of a softer consistence, and not unlike fuller's earth; it is interstratified with beds of clay, and is usually found in the eastern part of Nottingham.

SKEPP, 119, 32; 259, 11. A basket narrow at the bottom, and wide at the top.

SOCA, 16, 19; 17, 20. See *supra*, 'Saca et soca.'

SPADE-GRAFT-DEEP, 374, 14, 15. The depth of the blade, *i.e.*, up to where the blade is inserted or *grafted* in the handle. The phrase is still locally used.

STAMELL, 119, 27. A coarse woollen cloth.

STOOP, STOPE, STOOPE, STOUPE, 122, 6; 152, 20; 153, 5; 265, 25; 281, 9; 304, 15; 356, 21. A post. This seems to be the most correct definition, and is that given in the footnotes to the previous volumes. In the Glossary, however, to vol. iv., 'rail' is substituted for 'post.'

STUDDINGE, 114, 18; 115, 17. Making new posts, etc. See Glossary to vol. iii.

SUMMERTREE, 115, 9; 260, 31. A tree to make a prop of; the prop itself.

TAMPER, 259, 15. To deal with secretly, to bring to terms. Not used in a bad sense.

THEAM, 14, 2, 29; 15, 1, 30. Used to mean, vouching to warranty, *i.e.*, where a person has to produce witness to prove he has bought goods actually in his possession, or claimed by him. In grants, it implies jurisdiction in matters of warranty; and, as a natural result, the right to receive forfeitures in such cases. See also vol. i.

THEOLONEUM, 14, 28; 15, 30. Toll.

THOL, 14, 2, 28; 15, 1, 30. Toll. See also vol. i. for further explanation.

THOLONEA, THEOLONIA, THELONEA, 14, 2; 15, 2; 30, 19, 26. Tolls. See vol. i.

THRUME, 115, 26. A coarse yarn, or unravelled strand of rope.

TIPLING, 107, 12; 250, 20. Keeping a small beerhouse.

TROWSE, 155, 15. Brushwood, etc.

UPSETT, 307, 1. A setting up; a commencement of a business; a fine due to the borough upon commencing a craft.

VENTED, 116, 25. Sold; past participle of verb, vend.

VILLANI, 16, 16; 18, 22. Villeins, serfs, or bondsmen.

VIRIDARIUS, 34, 22. A verderer, or forest officer; a 'viridarium' is a clearing in a forest.

WARDROPP, 167, 14. Wardrobe, place to keep clothes in. *Wardrope* in Halliwell.

WATERWORKE, 322, 23; 328, 17. Embanking, wattling, etc., to protect banks against the river.

WEAKE, 257, 27. Wick.

WORSHIPP, 130, 16. Honour.

GENERAL INDEX.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Page 9, line 26, *dele* bracket to word 'appointed.'
,, 41, lines 18-19, 31, in place of 'as though' (*tanquam*), a better reading would perhaps be *as*, the sense of the passage evidently being that common of pasture is claimed 'as belonging and appertaining to the same (cattle) respectively.'
,, 79, line 25, *after* 'paragraph' *insert* the figure 7, the number of the corresponding footnote.
,, 97, line 16, *for* Jonn Ludlam *read* John Ludlam.
,, 122, footnote 1, and page 152, footnote 2, *for* rails *read* posts. *See also* remarks on 'stoop' in Glossary.
,, 189, footnote 4, *for* March 25th, 1625, *read* March 27th, 1625. The mistake occurs in Bailey's *Annals*.
,, 209, line 29, *for Ib.*, fo. 29, *read* 3417, fo. 29.
,, 220, footnote 3, *for* 1644, *read* 1643.
,, 223, heading of line 11, *for* 1644, August 13, *read* 1644, August 14, and line 19, *for Ib.*, fo. 33, *read Ib.*, fo. 31.
,, 268, line 35, *for Ib.*, fo. 50, *read* 3424, fo. 50.
,, 306, line 13, *for* scilicet *read* scire.
,, 317, line 15, *for Ib.*, fo. 18, *read* 3440, fo. 18.
,, 429, line 31, *for* May 13st, 1645, *read* May 31st, 1645.

Note also page 176, line 28, 'Raph Tolk,' an error in the MS. for 'Raph Toft' or 'Taft,' and page 337, line 19, 'Charles Chadwick, Towne Clerke,' an error in the MS. for 'Charles Chadwick, Town Steward.'

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